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Dear Mrs. Chisholm:

I am enclosing the description of Mrs. Kennan's Persian rug. It is not as large as I told you - twenty three, not twenty six. This paragraph is from the catalogue of the sale where the Kennans originally bought it. As you understand it endorses a salesman's enthusiasm, but it is a piece that deserves enthusiasm.

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Mrs. Kennan has a Sarauk runner which I thought exceptionally fine and two or three small rugs. But her big piece is this Persian carpet.

I think I spoke of the blue and white bedspread - quite the finest I ever saw in weave and pattern with an unusual border made up of Eagles and Willow Trees, 1838 is the date woven in the border. That I think is really valuable.

Of course you understand, dear Lady, that I am sending you all this information on the chance that you might run into somebody that was furnishing a house with big rooms and that wanted something unusual. The big rug has of course the added interest of having belonged to the Kennans. Sometime when I go over I'll bring the little Jade piece and you can tell me what you think of it.

Affectionately

Mrs. Mary Chisholm
16 East 10th Street
New York City