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Dear Miss Fox:

Forgive me for having delayed so long in answering your letter. I have been rather swamped. I have been hoping, too, to give "Ridgeways" a more careful reading than I yet have done in spite of my high sounding remarks about "galloping through it." I did the last part on the run, my time giving out. I sent it to the country where I hope to have some leisure through the holidays, and then I am going to read it carefully. It means, of course, that I think the book is worth time.

I am leaving this week but shall be back early in January and then I shall be delighted to follow your suggestion and go in for tea some afternoon. I would like to talk Napoleon and Josephine with you, though I imagine you are much fresher than I am on the two.

I shall look forward to seeing you after the holidays, and in the meantime a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Very sincerely yours

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