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Mr. William Fortune,
Indianapolis, Ind.

Dear Mr. Fortune:

I have just heard from the Rices, about our proposed reunion dinner here in New York before you sail on January 24. I am rejoiced that they are to be here; they come on the 20th of January for a fortnight.

But there is a hitch about the date. I told them the 22nd or 23rd. Now, one of the functions for which Mr. Rice comes East at this time is the annual dinner of the Poetry Club. He doesn't know whether it is to be on the 22nd or the 23rd. I have written him that it doesn't matter what night it is, he is to be with us, poetry or no poetry. But I am not at all sure that that settles it.

May I ask, my dear Mr. Fortune, do you and Mr. Lilly arrive on the 22nd or the 23rd? If it is the earlier date, that would give Mr Rice a chance to go to his dinner, which he considers rather in the light of a business obligation, and also to be with us.

I am looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you and Mrs. Lilly and to meeting Mr. Lilly. And let me say, dear Mr. Fortune, that you must not inconvenience yourselves with evening clothes, unless you prefer to do so. I know what it is to be packed for a steamer. We will gladly accommodate ourselves to whatever is most agreeable to you.

A Happy New Year to you and to dear Mrs. Lilly.

Cordially yours,

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