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My darling niece
after so long a time
has elapsed since we
received your much
valued letter I will try
to let you know that
although I have been so
negligent in writing
you ever dear self has
held a close place in
the heart of your old
aunt. how glad I would
be to see you and your
husband and little
tot, although I have
never had the pleasure
of making the acquaintance
of your husband I shall
claim him as one of the
family and hope at no
distant day to have
the pleasure of