

Moscow, 23/xii/18.

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How are you all? hope you had a good time at Christmas. Did you go to any Show? (Pantomime) How long a holiday have the children got? Have you received £10- from Kadomtzeff? As you see I am writing this on the eve of Christmas so that I do not know as yet where I am going. On the 10th that is on Saturday there is a Concert to which I am invited. Here is another invitation for Friday Evening to a Comrade. Then Professor Gdanoff asked me to come to him for on Sunday, so that I shall not feel lonely. The weather is glorious Snow up to your knees Frost, & often sunshine. If Hilka could only see how children skate here, she would feel curious.

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I am feeling very well & am quite satisfied with my work. All my time is occupied with useless work. I hope you are well & making the best of your time without me. Later on in the summer

perhaps you will come here for a holiday.
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As ever with regards of love

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All best wishes and heaps of love

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On 22.11.25 we get the first reference to the 'blessed costume.' It seems that Sam promised an acquaintance that his wife was an excellent dressmaker and that he would write and get her to whip up a costume for this mans wife in next to no time, and send it off from London with some much needed gloves for Sam. This matter which is refereed to in several letters does not actually reach a conclusion until 1926, and when it does it is another graphic example of how hard life was in Moscow at that time.

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