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My dear Mrs Touger -

Mrs West told me  
yesterday of your xmas present to  
me & how could you give me  
anything so beautiful as that table?  
Why should you do it? Of course  
I shall deeply appreciate such  
an article representing I doubt  
not the taste and judgment  
of mother, daughter and father too,  
that I cannot see in return I  
deserve so much &

It had not yet arrived when I  
left last night, but the Pa. Ry.  
is safe, although the crowd  
of Xmas gifts has clogged  
railroads. Express companies,  
and even the mails, this year  
I had to come here last night  
to meet Messrs. Milburn, Huntlowers,  
Rhoadsback, and Hathams for work  
upon statutory consolidation for this state.  
If I could I should much prefer to  
play with my wife and boys - they  
will ever be boys to me, & they  
are all well & I return Sat. night &  
With thanks remembered, and kindest  
recollections to your daughter and your <sup>friend</sup> I am  
your friend. Adm. West