

Thanks for the lovely Katherine Tynan & for the tale of the two dear ladies. I know what the touch of your kind hand meant to them - I had hoped to get home in time to surprise you & Alice at the Pulsivers last Sunday, but we got lost in Philadelphia while motoring from Washington and never reached here until ten o'clock.

My Thanksgiving week end party went on merrily today, in spite of the rain. My table yesterday, with a pumpkin in the middle, and many frilly \_\_\_\_\_ of its color, & a small bright celluloid turkey at each plate, was greatly admired.

Affectionately  
Edith Roosevelt

December 15, 1928

Sagamore Hill

Dear Mrs. King

The centerpiece which I sewed rather badly is going. Please try to decipher the M. Also a dinky little gay pink bag for Alice. If Mrs. Jones does not give her "Magic Casements" please let me do so. It has the long poems I have always loved. Generally the young are restricted to lyrics.

A merry Christmas & a very happy New Year.  
Affectionately  
Edith Roosevelt

December 22, 1928

Sagamore Hill

Dear Mrs. King

The lovely pillow is sitting proudly & smartly on the drawing room sofa - The one next the window. How good of you to make it & how I value it.

A merry Christmas and a happy New Year to all the family.  
Affectionately yours  
Edith Roosevelt

December 28, 1928

Sagamore Hill

Dear Mrs. King

I never heard of any thing more precious than Alice's Christmas gift. Edith when she was ten gave me "her dollar" and I have kept it put away. There is nothing in the world worth as much to me. But you must not feel that way; get something the dear child will know you are enjoying.

I am about to ask you to do something for me which will be a great help. My husband gave me the Everyman Shakespeare & I have travelled so much with it that it must be repaired. I can't bear to hand it myself to a binder, - you will know why when you see it. Will you get the Librarys binder to do it, & send the bill to Miss Mary Sweeney Sagamore Hill Oyster Bay.

Repair old binding if possible & make a strong light leather box for the three volumes. It must close with a snap, not be just a case.

If you can do this I will send you the little books "of no value except to the owner."

We have had a merry Christmas, & I send every wish for a happy New Year. Did Mrs. Jones give Alice "Magic Casements"? I will not order it until it until you tell me.

Affectionately yours

Edith Roosevelt

I don't think Marion in any way a difficult name!

(Among 1928 and 1929 letters)

April 5

Sagamore Hill

Dear Mrs. King

That concealing hat could not have disguised you for a moment had not too many of the pretty contours gone - Even Alice blooming like a rose in her charming frock, did not console me.

This house is full of grandchildren, these spring weekends, but can't you arrange to come Monday 11th - Stay with me until Friday 15th - Only the Derby children here - Six o'clock supper, early hours, plenty of fresh air. Do come. We will have such good talks.

Your letters were so cheerful that it came as a shock when I saw what pain you have had to bear.

Alice & Mr. King will take care of each other.