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Dear Journal,

Today I went to visit the Longfellow family. They invited me to come for Christmas dinner. The weather was snowing and I wore a black jacket and black boots.

When I was walking in the front door, I had to get the snow off my boots. I went into the living room on the left side. In the room was the old grandmother. She was sitting by the fireplace and she had a quilt to keep her warm. She had trouble keeping warm. There, Alexander was playing dominoes with Young Hen. I decided to join them, and Alexander won.

Then we went across the hall into the dining room. We sat down for dinner and it was delicious. We ate turkey and vegetables - like carrots. For a dessert we had oranges. The grandmother sat at a little table near the fireplace.

After dinner I played dominoes with Young Hen. Hen was the winner this time. We went upstairs and he showed me his rocking horse. I thought that the horse was really awesome. The stocking Hen got for Christmas had candy and oranges in it.

We went down the back stairs to the kitchen and they were cooking something to eat. It was bread and pies. It smelled great!! I had some fresh cooked bread and it tasted great!!

Then it was time for me to go. I said goodbye to everybody and thanked the Longfellows for inviting me to Christmas dinner. Young Hen is my good friend and it was fun to visit him on Christmas!

Then I went home.



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