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My Dear Orman.

This will not reach
you till after Christmas,
but it brings you and all
yours our heartiest good
wishes for that & for the
New Year. The latter will,
I hope, see an improve-
ment in your eyes. I
have not heard how they
have lately been, though

I can see, from your use of
a 'type-writer', that they
are not cured.

Your last letter bringing the
review of Wilcken's ostraca,
was of great interest to me.
It came just as I was
trying to write an introduction
to my own ostraca and
showed me what a lot could
be said about them by
thinking. But thinking is
difficult and my work does
not seem to encourage it,
& I find generalization,
after the collection of the

facts, a very difficult job. You will, I dare say, think that such books are better without any generalizations. But the facts will hardly speak for themselves; they require some introduction, if any one is to read them.

We are at present in Scotland, for a week or so. My wife is still not well; Karlsbad was a fatal mistake, though it has certainly done me good. I always hope that rest and more bracing air — such as we have here — will improve things; but as yet they have not. As we are in Scotland and as

I am at a loss what to send
to Peter, this Christmas — he is
too old for picture-books and
too young for books in English —
I have sent him what boys of
all nations and sizes can appre-
-ciate: a Scotch cake, of a
kind made only at Christmas
& not to be had outside
Scotland. It goes addressed
to Frau Erman & I only,
hope you will not have duty
to pay on its arrival. Here
I was unable to ascertain
that. The cake will keep
— like 'Lebkuchen' — for a
year. Best wishes again to you
all. Yours ever
W. Crum