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Have you had time to do any of the carving. I hear from Mother that you have been very busy in the garden & also at Miss Bottins'.

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