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Our carpenter has been busy turning this years<sup>sic</sup> packing cases into doors & other useful house fittings, he is a marvel at neat patch wood.

I hope you will both have a very Happy Xmas. also M<sup>r</sup> & M<sup>rs</sup> Childs & Maudie. will you also wish Pat a <del>h</del>/<H>appy Xmas from me, I know she sees all your letters & wont<sup>sic</sup> mind my including her in with the family

> Lots of love from your affectionate Myrtle.