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Dunrobin
Eastertown
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Dear Miss Dollie

I wish you a regular
jolly good New Year + must
follow it up with a round of
Shanks, first ever so much for
your Photo; it is simply a

grand one and such a swell frock too, but you were always good at the swell line, ^{how is the} Blue Broad, with the Red Lined [^] Silk? you had made in Hobart, that chap was a Stunner, wasn't he? you know. I took a fancy ^{to} him the very first time I ever saw you in him. Thanks also for the Girdling Calendar, the only due I have to its sender, is the same bell down post mark, for if you addressed it, you went in for a different style of Capital letters, it is very pretty & useful. I have just looked up to days date, & found it in my bedroom at about 2 a.m. on New Year's Day. I had just got home after a ten mile ride, having been seeing the new year in, with some fellows on the next Station — I must apologise for the awful Xmas Card I sent you, but in this out of the way place you cannot get anything, not even a Card to

mount a drawing ^{III} on, so I had to
manufacture one, in a little room
at the back of the Easterton Stage
Theatrical Stage in the Mechanics
Institute, with paste, which I dont
suppose stuck, card board & a toned
piece of ~~paper~~ paper & made an
awful mess of the room as well as
the card. Easterton is a smaller place
than Campbell Town & without a
decent shop of any kind. Dunrobin
is about 5 miles out. I went a
driving trip at Innes with Shalie
Youngman, who lives at Retreat
a station not very far from

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here, we staying^{ed} at three different
~~Sat Sat~~ Stations & went to a small
dance, a card party & two fishing
parties & alto-gether had a very
good time. I suppose you
had lots of fun at Rosedale
were Jack & Mrs Jack (as you
generally called ~~of~~ her) & Miss
Jack at up for James; how
is your garden getting on? I
have started a small one here
but it is rather scattered, I

have a ⁵ bush of daphne at one house in Easterton & a Barcena plant & a bunch of withered flowers at another. I gave the latter to a girl, but she returned them, so I kept them for 3 weeks & then took them into Easterton & gave them to her mother to keep until her daughter had arrived at a fit age of discretion & understanding, when they are to be re-presented to the daughter.

I also have a share in a border of carnations at Roseneath about ~~2~~ 15 miles from here, but the worst of it is, everybody picks the flowers & I only get the leaves etc. I heard Skatie & Bessie Riordan were staying at Ross or Campbell Town if so. I suppose you have seen them. How is Mrs Littlegate is she Mrs Gattenby yet?

On New Year's Day the Easterton Sunday Schools gave at a

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Picnic is in one of the Dunrobin
Paddocks, about 350 turned up,
including infants, kids & babies,
so I thought it just as well to be out
of the way, so went Duck Shooting
up the Glenelg River & had very
bad luck, getting only a solitary
duck out of five I managed to
drop, but anyway dodged the Sunday
School business, with the best wishes to
You, Mr Leake, Jack & Mrs J. & hoping
to hear soon I am yrs very
sincerely Matt Seal

