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Madam

As it is usual at the commencement of the Year to express good wishes for those Persons that have made favourable impressions on our minds I beg leave to wish you a happy new Year, and that every succeeding year of your life may yield to you an accession of comforts, - that the fine Child to whom you so courteously gave the Name I bear, may participate in your felicity, and by her amiable conduct realize your most sanguine fondest hopes on her subject. I will pleasure commence this year by presenting her with an Supplement of sensible industry, in the Form of a Gold Trundle of American manufacture; - tell her that I most ardently desire to the true maxim "That all work and no play makes Jack a dull Boy; yet she must remember, that all play, and no work makes Miss a mere Toy. Industry independent of its utility, has generally a tendency to tranquillize, and cheer its Possessor; - and is certain by its rewards to virtue, also a tolerable security against frivolidy, gossiping and scandal so derogatory of our sex, yet too often although unjustly ascribed exclusively to them. When I had the pleasure of seeing your fine Girl, she appeared to be blest with fine animal spirits and great personal activity. Those amiable qualities when directed to the attainment of valuable objects, are generally promotive of happiness to the possessor. Being if is endued with them; but those properties when suffered to degenerate into a wild restless love of variety, render the Possessor merely actively mischievous, troublesome to

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friends and associates, contemptible and frivolous in the estimation of the valuable
part of Mankind, and wretched themselves. That such may not be the destiny of my
little Name - she is most sincerely deprecated by

Madam

Geo. 1st. 2nd. 3rd. 4th.

Elizth. Bowel

January the 1st. 1816

Mrs. Mrs. Holett