

Bordeaux, January the 27th

Dear Mister and Mistress Crabtree,
we have received your wedding-gift. You are
right: a good obsidian blade would have been
better but, as you said, the sophisticated society in
which we live compels us to use such decadent
tools as steel-knife and fork.... I think the
main reason for that is that flint (I don't know
about obsidian) being rather hard would cut
through our sophisticated plates... But, why plates?
you'd say... Well, I only tried to push the
problem a little further back... And, anyway,
we thank you. I don't know what words are
used in such a case in America - I mean, when
you write to somebody who sent you a wedding
-gift - and I don't care, because I don't want

to use any ready-made formula -

I want you to know that we were deeply moved by this gift, that it was something we needed and that we hope that someday, it will be possible for us to say that to you aloud... if possible, in front of a paleolithic-size mutton-leg or roast-beef.

Meanwhile, thank you very much and believe in the gratitude of:

Georges Borely

and !
Marie

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Mister au Mister Crabtree

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