Los Gatos, Cal., Dec. 23 1896.

My dear Walsh,

I came down here the other day very ill with pneumonia and am still confined to the house and in danger of a relapse.

I can't write much—the purpose of this is to inquire the year of Lily's birth. I want it for her headstone. Doubtless I could find the date among her papers, but they are boxed up and in Berkeley.

Please let me know as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours, Ambrose Bierce.