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Dear friends,

We have now passed the darkest part of the year, and the days are slowly getting longer, which is very nice.

Before Christmas I bought a book to give to someone, but I started to read the book, and kept it. It is *At Home: A Short History of Private Life*, by Bill Bryson (2010). If you have not read it, I think you should. The author, born in the U.S., is most widely known for his travel books. He started to think about his house, an old English rectory, and wondered why it was built in the way it was, and also he wondered about the furniture and household goods, and tried to find out their history. The book covers many subjects, mainly on life in the old days. Then there was no big difference if you lived in England, the U.S., or Sweden. As an

example we can cite his list of things that George Washington ordered from England in 1757: 6½ pounds of snuff, two and a half dozen tooth cleaning sponges, 20 sacks of salt, 53 pounds raisins and almonds, a dozen mahogany chairs, two tables that fit together, a big Cheshire cheese, some marble for a chimney, some papier maché, a barrel of cider, 53 pounds of candles, 20 sugar-loaves, and 250 glass panes, to just mention a few things, that he wanted, and could not find in America. I think you will also enjoy this book.

Since late November I have a new computer, with Windows 7, instead of my old XP. It has sometimes been a chore to learn lots of new things, but by now I have mastered most of the things I need to use. My old scanner

did not like the new computer, so I had to buy a new one, which is much quicker than the old one. And once I get to read the manual I might figure out the new OCR program. This means that the scanner reads printed text, and makes a file that I can work with, something that saves a lot of re-typing, which is very boring as you probably know.

To those of you that are Workshop "Alumni" I would ask you to tell me when you change your e-mail address. Otherwise I can not send you e-mails, when there is something I want you to know.

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*Till next time!*  
*Elisabeth Thorsell*

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