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Sunny side March 30th 1858

My dear Mr Smythe,

The wren boxes arrived all in good order and will soon be put up on the trees within piping distance of my house, so that I shall before long have a merry tenantry about me. It is true, when I ask for rent, they will be apt to job me off with a song, but even then I will not be worse off than many landlords in these hard times.

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I send you a card of my

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My nephew about whom I spoke
to you some time since. He is a
brother of my nieces who live with
me. If you can throw any business
in his way it will be a great satis-
faction to me, and I can assure you
it will be faithfully attended to. He
is well acquainted with Custom House
matters, having for a number of years
had the sample office under his care.

Give my kindest remembrance to
Mrs Smythe and my love to the
Kittens

Yours very truly

Washington Irving

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