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*I'd written for  
Phoebe to use it,  
saying he'd learned it  
was my phrase.*  
*Phoebe had said  
I'd said it.*  
*See 1296 p 160*  
Dear Stanley, *E. Hyman*

Thanks for your fine letter. Lots of good news and entertainment in it.

*it*  
Re "the magic wedding of the world" may have gelled in your own brain, as far as I can remember. I don't know where you got that, but it pulls together three things I used to harp on when trying to talk about comedy. If this particular gel of the three came from someone else, I don't remember. I used to go on and on about "wedding" as the perfect ending. In tragedy you kill your enemy; in comedy you marry him. Then all that business about eating *celebrating it by* and spreading around the manna and drinking/and the Komos; and stuff about ideal marrying real; or *to show it forth* other such pairs often thought of as embattled, but seen in comic *endings* as good mates and good breeders, etc. Well, just go ahead and use the phrase as common English. It belongs to you as much as anyone if you see a good way to use it.

Would like to see Phoebe's Ely poem and St. Jn's eagle. Maybe she'd send me a copy. Delighted that you will be back in June or July. Or even in March to see Shiloh.

Have as good a time as you can in N.Y.

Love, *to both,*