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Messers. Louis J. Wortham,  
and  
Amon G. Carter.

My dear Friends:

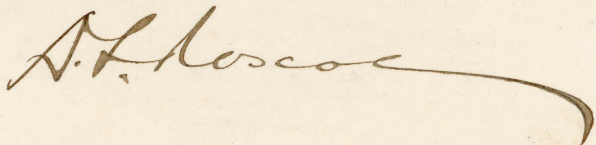
Your Christmas Greetings came like  
a ray of sunshine through a key hole.

The cigars are narcotic and alluring  
and through the smoke rings I see the smiling  
face of "My Lady Nicotine" and dream pleasant  
dreams.

As far the "licker" it is as dew-  
drops from the violets and the lilacs and it makes  
the poor Irishman feel like a rich Jew.

And more prized than all: The friend-  
ship which prompted the sending of them is like  
a rainbow by moonlight, for which I thank you  
most heartily and sincerely and I beg to subscribe  
myself,

Your friend and well wisher,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "A. L. Roscoe". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.