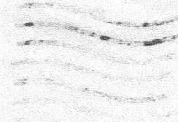


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Our Dear Children:

Dad and I have just been taking a little siesta after the big blow which began when Linda walked in last evening about six o'clock and lasted until all of them left this afternoon about 3:30. After the storm got so bad, we, of course, gave them up and thought that Roy would maybe not get here either. Dad and I were just eating when the door opened and Linda came in like a strong breeze, tickled pink to get here and of course we were delighted they got through. It turned out that they did not get the snow and ice down there so Max could leave the cattle, but they struck the storm with thick ice on the pavements and very slick when they got to four corners and from there on this way the going was very slick and bad. They left about 3:30 for it would be slow going and then they wanted to be home in time to spend the evening at Rahes as Erma and others of the family were to be there today. Linda couldn't wait to get with the other children and the way she and Babbv played together was just precious, not a fuss or bit of disagreement. Their main entertainment when they were down here was to close the door of one of the bedrooms and snoop in things and come out with ear rings and plenty of makeup on, but we didn't mind as it was a pleasant relief from the fussing they used to do. We did not have the traditional turkey on account of not knowing how many we would have. Barb had a lot of frozen chicken so she fried three and brought it down all brown and ready to serve and I got everything else ready, so it was very easy and we had a lot of fun and lots of noise and confusion. Phyllis brought cream, meat, fresh dark sour cream cake, relish, etc. so we had enough for a lot more people and I'm sure you can guess just who it was that we wished was with us. Roy got in on the early train, arrived about 8 AM, and brought your letter written while you were waiting for him to come out. He said he got his first experience baby sitting for you. We hope that Jim got in this morning on time so you could have the day together. We are wondering whether they got the storm badly in Denver, or whether it was between Denver and KC. We didn't get the worst of it but at that had a really severe storm and many were stranded all along the highways. West of here they tried to keep people off the roads. It started to rain lightly last Sunday night and was damp all day ~~Tuesday~~ Monday and when we got up Tue. morning the ground had a heavy fall of snow already on it and was coming down heavily. Later in the day it blew some and I guess out in the open it got pretty bad, melted some then turned very cold and froze in deep ruts and ridges ever where, truly making a bad weather situation but everyone was so glad to see the moisture that nobody had the heart to complain. Today is still very cold, the streets are cleared and the highways open but still wet enough to be slick and dangerous. I suppose you had your dinner with Judge and Mrs. Broadcus--I hope Aunt Mary and her husband could get there. I've listened to KC stations more or less but don't know yet just what you got--had hardly a chance to talk to Roy today but guess they will be back down after while. You can imagine how quiet everything was here when they all left about the same time.

Isn't it wonderful how good Gregory is most of the time? I hope it holds while his daddy is at home for the holiday and that you can have a good time when you step out for a little recreation. I'm so glad you have someone like Mrs. Brown to help out when you need someone quickly or for short times. Too bad about George's accident--do hope he really isn't hurt badly. Too bad about the pilfering in Broadcus' home too. If they had wanted to make a haul of your and her sterling it would have been a pretty good job of looting. It occurs to me that it might be somebody not too far from them who knows the neighborhood pretty well.



We are anxious to know what your plans can be for Christmas. Of course everything will have to hinge on the weather no matter how we plan it. If you should strike a stretch like this there wouldn't be a chance for you to make the trip. How will the bank arrange about that day after Xmas? 'Twould be so nice if they would close for the rest of the week and I've seen quite a lot in the papers about it but so far don't know what will be done in a general way over the country. Phyl will fit their plans down there to ours here so let us know as soon as you find out anything. We are so eager to see you both and our baby. I just know he is a darling by now though after a trip he will probably be cross after you get here, but we'll try to have the bedroom fixed so you can keep him quiet as possible. I want to get busy now and get most of my Xmas things done this week so I won't be run so hard at the last.

There isn't much going on in town as the storm put everything else in the background and the forecast a day or so ago was that another storm would move in about tomorrow. The minister candidate we had a couple of weeks ago from Calif. has accepted, or rather did on the condition that we install stove, refrigerator and automatic washer in the manse. I hope he will fill the bill as a number of these old ladies still have a bad case of "Truesdaleitis" and refuse to get over it.

Must tell you again how much we thought and talked of you today-- nothing like a nice family to make life happy and fine. We love you all so much--

*Mother*