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Dear Sister -

Your kind Christmas letter arrived
at Christmas morning and gave us great joy -
You are very thoughtful and kind - and I know
it is a real sacrifice for you to give time to letters
when so busy - I always appreciate your usefulness
we thought of you all day - next year I hope to have a
Christmas tree and a good lot of presents for you. If you
want to Mrs. Jennings it diverted your mind - it comforted
me to believe you were there - but I trust you did not
allow her words to do you out of your own - let her wait.
Yesterday morning Emma and Mr. North went to Winters
they were loaded with ammunition - three guns - a few
clothes - and as much groceries as they could carry and
a large box of candy which Emma at first refused
to attempt to take - but as it was gone next morning
I believe she took it - It's quite chilly cold ^{here} -
I to the same at Winters - I don't enjoy them the
country - not that I was invited - Emma will most likely
write you today from there - she'd studied herself very
nervous - and left with the understanding - that if
her studies were interrupted she was to return
at once (if not sooner) - your beautiful Silver Card and
the lovely hat pin also the 3 "Maidens" all arrived safe
unopened and I thank you very much, will wear
it with great pride - Last night's Tribune the Meddler
wrote you and Emma up most kindly - mailed
the paper - ready for make slave craft - It was un-
expectedly pleasant - your enclosed Clippings I

will keep for you - with a lot of others - People meet
meeting me on the streets - remember how glad I
must be to have my daughter home again -
Mrs Brown called to see us Thursday - she'd got
Arthur's letters and her anxieties were quieted
for some unknown reason she'd had none the week
previous - got three together - the Oakland Post
Office was just swamped in letters - though they had
11 extra letter carriers out - you had to wait your
turn - Elmer Barnham sent me a lot of carnations
which was very kind - did I write you Miss Kinder
sent me a 4 leaf clover - Mr North gave me a white
stock and long silk ends - Emma green silk for a
waist and black lace to trim it - Arrey a little gold
chain pin & hooks for my glasses - yesterday those
degenerate glasses fell off my nose hit a butter plate
and broke - the 4th I think in a year - I was mad -
I had to spend the money for my own ill doings -
Sam gave me a really lovely pair of white gloves - and
Aunt and Ellie gave me a pair and Aunt gave
me a few ozs silver belt buckle and silver belt
I wish you had - Sam sent me the finest possible white
shawl and a large box of Mallards cards I also wish
was yours - I guess Aunt sent two pounds of Haydens cards
and Euclidia Helen Taylor a basket of red bones
kind of her was it? - A nice lot of presents was it
it? - As wants to take this so I must let it go
and continue later - wishing you a happy
New Year and lots of them I remain

Your loving

Anna

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