754 Fourteenth Street
Oakland - California:

Dear Lude: -

I have your letter of December 30th this week - Mama says Sam sent you "Alice of Vincennes" - I didn't think the pictures bad - They are much darker than you certainly - I gave them as directed and my opinion was concurred in - If they had kept right on they would be very good - Elsie Turner was in and told Mama just what she had told Nan Brewer of you - She also brought me a pretty little round plate of metal called "Kayserzinn" with a fuzzy red bulb design the dad bought two in Cologne - keeping the other for luck - I did not see her to my regret Dr it was a slack day -

This is your birthday - raining of course - I hope it is happy with you - and remember how many stormy celebrations you have had - Perhaps next January you will be back here again - I was ever so glad you received your medallion on Arthur's prize -

Excepting for a dentist engagement there has been no doings but the regular work - It is quite dark when we get up - By the time we are out of the house, however - it is almost fully day - sometimes one wishes for a half hour more - but we go to bed early usually by eleven -

This next week I hope to begin calling evenings - quite a good many can be

made that way -
Jessie & I have lunched together several times - Rae Freeman thinks us right mean not to go for Edith Lilienradt -
It takes some ten minutes to walk up to Pickerings - (this in that block) -
and as we usually go across the street only - it's more than we can ordinarily afford to take so much time -

With love to you -

Isabella

Emma -

January 20, 1901 -