The Limberlost
49 Meadows
Avon Ida

Dear Girls:

Well! I wonder what you girls are doing that you have done and what you are going to do?

Did you go to spoken?

What kind of a time did you have? etc.

What did you get for Xmas. I think you selected your presents very thoughtfully this
year for every one concerned. We had a great time with our Xmas packages, we sat flat on the floor before the store and opened them. Half of our Xmas mail is in coming yet, so if I don't thank you for some of the things you sent, it is not because I don't like them, but because I have not yet received them. We will get some of them when Carter goes out to mail this.

The red bells looked great from on our tree, after the ice no our one took the bells and hung them in the corners and the ceiling. We left our decorations up until yesterday; Carter decorated the house for us. We had all kinds of flying angels and butterflies made from tin foil. That was an awful cute idea.
did you get it. I'd never have thought of it.
And that thistle?
Thank you, thank you.

We nearly drove everyone out of the house with
them and our dog hasn't been able to hear for a
week. Myrtle and I wore them when we went out
for a walk and we do make the echoing.

And then, with this first installment came some
dandy hair ribbons.
very very pretty pin cushion
some candy now stocking
lots of tissue paper and
ribbon, a package from
Aunt Lydie, Cast, Edith,
bird Harry. A calendar
and book from Mr. Brown.
A card and handshake
from Aunt Evaline, a
package from Aunt May.
and some gum. New
gum too. Maybe your
girls think I meant
glad to see those things
and to know what
so many remembered
me, and Carter says there is still half the mail at 4 o'clock. We expect to have a lot of Xmas cards from now on until the Fourth of July.

I got eleven letters last mail day and six cards. I sent out mine letters and thirty-seven post cards for Xmas. Wasn't that doing real well?

Oh! say I got a picture of Eustace Collins for Xmas. Now what do you know about that? How would you like an Englishman for a brother-in-law? He is almost as large as O.K. I think he'll be a man some day. When I swear now I say "By Eustace and Myrtle say "Oh! By Tom."

How do you like my ink? The bottle has gone dry twice and I've filled it up with
water once too often for
its good, it's getting a
pale. I can hardly see
it.

We went over to the
Lincolnset today. We
went over and back just
too if we could stand
the walk. I'm powerful
shaky, but don't feel
any the worse otherwise
except for a sore spot on
my foot. I only fell
twice today. Myths
got three hard falls.
My! I'm glad it wasn't me. We went for a walk yesterday, but had to break trail through a foot of new snow; it was such hard work we didn't go far. Last week there was one clear day and we walked down to the "Haunted Cabin." My old cabin is almost out of sight. Carter walked from the snow right up on the roof of my new cabin today.
But it snowed. Mrs. Jones's old cabin has swayed in terribly.
If it thaws, it will go down.
Now, going down, and about it off, if it doesn't tomorrow.
You girls would have a great time playing in the trails.
The snow is so deep that when Carter stands in the trail the
snow is still above his head. We have to go up and down a big bank of snow to get on the porch now.

Poor Little Ring can hardly navigate; she has to swim in the new snow, she can't walk and the trail she came behind looks so funny. She went out with Carter the other day and his feet got so cold she just howled like a good
one. Carter felt so sorry for her that he packed it up and carried her until her feet
got warm. She's getting real tough now and even takes her bath in snow. Susan and Laurus have snow 'now and brought her out to see us at Xmas. They washed her all up until she was very white and tied a big blue string (or a ribbon) around her neck. She still has fleas, thing was very glad to see her. They had a great romp in the snow
I've finally got my green dress cut but it's not enough to wear. I've had to let it out twice. I have to be everlastingly sewing the buttons on my little gingham dress.

What is a rocking chair?

Miss Caldwell wrote and told me to tell the little girls howdy for her, and to tell Bluma not to try to sing too much and strain her voice.

So, Mayou.
you've been getting one hundred in spelling? Good for you! Keep it going, you'll beat the Adair record yet.

If we come next month, I want a big stake and some fried cabbage. Can you remember it? Don't let me forget it. But please, oh please, shut the chickens up and wrangle the roosters. The eggs we bought won't have been so spoiled that I feel as if I'd faint if the roosters ever crowed.

Well! I must stop and try and write to Mother, or she will be saying bad things about me. Auntie is going to stay day after tomorrow. I wonder if I'll get a letter from you all, or are you
Waiting to hear from me. I hope not.
Please tell somebody to get me a couple spools of white linen thread to work the "oriental darning" on the huck cloth. I used one spool and part of another.
Well, write to me soon girls, and many many thanks for the Merry Xen. Tell me all about the boys, the town, and your trip.

Lovingly,

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