

Collins, Iowa
March 21, 1933

Dear Mother, Olive and all,

Have been looking to hear from some of you for quite awhile. I felt sure tho that mother was better or you would have let us know. We have been having it cold here since Saturday night. It rained and then turned cold, sleeted then snowed. But the sun is shining out some this morning and seems to be thawing a little bit. We had been having such nice weather for a while before. The farmers had commenced their spring work. Had been raking and

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burning stalks. I raked the yard and burned some trash but I noticed there were quite a few sticks and limbs that had blew off the trees in the yard so I'll have it to rake over but won't have so much to rake next time. I had to get more coal yesterday. I thought maybe I wouldn't have to get anymore till this spell came. Well how have you all been making it this winter down there? I think of you a lot and wish it was so I could be with you some. I have been working on some rugs. Just finished

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one and have another one almost done. I crochet them. One is out of all new stuff just hit and miss and just little short strings. It has took a bit of tacking but I think it is pretty. I am still using some that we made when Nola was here 5 years ago this winter and some are getting pretty well worn. Well I finally did get a box from Nola. She sent me two aprons made of brown muslin one was worked and the other trimmed in print. Sent three packets made of oil

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clothe, a book of needles and several pot holders. Sent an oil cloth packet with 4 holders in it for both Georges and Curtis' wives. They were nice too. Sarah sent some Valentine cards too and they sent Minnie and Anna each a pillow more for an ornament and Minnie, Anna and me a flower. We had a lot of fun opening the box and finding all the different things. They were all nice and can use all of them. But she didn't write a word. But after that I had a letter from Sarah. All were well.

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Anna has been making Jean Anne some clothes made two dresses with bloomers to match, one pink and one blue and one pair peach colored bloomers and one blue satin. She does a pretty good job of sewing. She says she wouldn't mind to sew if it was just cut out and fit all fight. She has made me one dress and smock. Minnie wrote she might be home this weekend. It's been three weeks now since she was home. I am all ways glad

when she can

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come home. I don't suppose George will be home till school is out. I haven't heard from Viola since she wrote while she was up there. Well I am hoping better time will come soon. How are you folks standing the depression. Hope this finds all well and to hear from you real soon. Lots of love to you all.

As Ever,
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