

Bolby, Wis., Dec. 18th 1898.

Dear Aunt:

After so long a time
I'll try to answer your letter.

This leaves us all feeling pretty
smart and I hope it will
find you the same. We have
been having some fearfully
cold weather but yesterday
and today are just fine.

Today finishes up the sleighing
Clays children are here
now, they stayed here last
night and all day today.

Clay and his wife went to a
dance last night and
today they went skating.

I sit here by the window

and watch the crowd go by to
the ice, but I am one of the
good people today I am not
going skating. He will go to
preaching this evening, our
minister is quite a talker.

I have been out to work.

I worked for a young couple
^{here} nearly three weeks, after their
little girl died I did not stay
only a few days. A young man
by name Tompkins went to
Chicago to operate upon for
hernia and died while he
was down there, the news of
his death was a dreadful shock
to his wife and she was quite
sick so I went there and
helped them for a few days,
but I am not going out
any more for a while I

don't feel well myself and I
only feel worse by working
so hard, I have had two
chances to work this week
but ma said I had better
rest a while.

How I wish you and Uncle
Billie would come up. Can't
you come for the Holidays?

The "Big Bugs" gave a
reception for the Soldiers
I received an invitation
so I went to see how "Big
Bugs" do, Oh my! but but
it was a swell affair but
I had a very nice time
any way.

Have Mr Crowell's folks

got down there yet. I wonder
how that suits Miss Risha.
I had a letter from Uncle Oscar
and he said that Bill had
gone to the woods. I should
think he (Bill) would be most
too old to be of any use in the
woods. Bert is logging
now for R. B. Salter and Jim
is in the same crew. They
work about 3 miles from
town. Clay is working for
the new Stave and Heading
factory, that's a big thing
for Colby. They employ
all the way from 40 to 75
men and another factory
here employs about 30
men so most of the men
of the city are busy. Jim
and Rowland came up and

stayed all the afternoon last Sunday, first-time I've seen Rowland since last August - he is a cute little fellow but they are spoiling him, making a regular little "tough" of him. There seems to be quite a good deal of sickness around here this winter, we have three doctors here and they are quite-busy most of the time, one of them is "a young good looking, unmarried man" and it is surprising how sickly some of the girls are all of a sudden, it makes me tired to see them run after him

I've been telling ma I must-
find an excuse to go and
see him, I stuck a pin in
my finger it was real sore
but ma would not let me
go to see him. It aint that
mean? but then I've no
money to pay a doctor bill so
I guess I will stay out of the
race. Well This is foolishness
enough for once as I will
quit with "love to all"
and dont forget yourself
from

Write soon. Walter

Here is a piece of my
new wrapper



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