

well as I do not think of any
thing more I will quit - with
regards to all Hoping to
hear from you before long
we do not hear from there very
often Oscar writes to Heattie
once in a while

so good day
with love to

Louise
P J Johnson

Colby
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Dear Sister -

after a long time
I will try to write a few lines
I have been talking about -
write for two month but never
set - a bout it - my health has
been very poor all the fall
and winter so far, Heattie is
teaching and boards at home she
about - two miles and a half
to walk so she does not - have
much time to help about the
work only Saturday she has
been having two weeks vacation
but will commence her school
again Monday we have had some
pretty - cold weather we had one
heavy snow storm Heatty could
not get to her school she

started but - had to come back
but - there were no scholars that-
day. so it - did not - make much
difference I was down to Jamie-
for thanks giving dinner and
down there again for Christmas
supper I did not think I could go
but Jamie came after me with
a horse and cutter. He could had
a large tree full of presents -
his grandfather was lying him
some thing for about two weeks

I can not think of all, but there
was a fiddle and a cornet, sleds
doll, box of carpenter toys, dominos,
handkerchief, box of paints, toy
ten pin, I can not think of all, they
sent to Montgomerie for some thing
he will dance like a little
rat - speaks pieces and sings he
learns very easily. He has a duck
Lydia told him she was going
to kill it. for Christmas he cried
and said he wanted to keep it -
till it - grewed ~~very~~ big the could

have it - for an Ostrich. Clay's
children ^{had} a tree but they did
not - get - so many presents -

Clay is doing odd jobs he
has no steady work Jamie works
at the stone mill Bert is in
camp about 5 miles from
town. He comes home every
week. Santa Claus brought me
a new shawl and a set of pri-
plates. Hattie had a number of
presents - she had a surprise on
her birthday and some present -
there was about - 40 of the young
folks come to the surprise filled
our little house full then Bert -
went and hired the hall and they
went there and danced and played
games and had supper I knew
they were coming. Isabell came
and helped me straighten up the
house ^{and do} all we dared to. but Hattie
never noticed any thing. I had a
new carpet - now lost - fall



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Hattie's surprise party

