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My dear cousin Jacob I now sit down to write you a few lines to let you know how we are getting along in the first place we are all in the enjoyment of good health with the exceptions of Mama but I hope she will soon be quite well again Dear cousin I am glad to hear that you are working at your \_\_\_ getting on to well I also that you are got to be very tall and I dare say handsome I would like very much to have your picture No doubt you will soon be getting married as they all marry very young in America But when such is the case you must come over to Ireland on your wedding tour I would be so very glad to see you personally I must bid you goodbye as my time is limited hoping you are all quite well give my kind love to aunt and cousin may a also his husband and family but my warmest love to yourself

From your loving cousin

Mary Jane McQuigg