

*[Letter from Alice Drinkwater Whitney to Olive Knight; Alice is married to Ed Whitney and they live in Warren, Minnesota]*

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Dear Sister

We will send you a large box by express to Belfast to night

There is a lot of paper and carpet rags to help pack. The photo album and white shirt around it bottle of medicine and Handkerchief for Ernest Handkerchief and box of spice for Myra school boys whistles, lead pencils with candy for each of his children and the autograph album is for Mabel Handkerchief and box of tea for Nell. Handkerchief for Mrs. Knight. Handkerchief for Arno and you train whistle, lead pencil, school bag for little Arne same for Albert all but the bag he does not need one A pint of pure California Brandy and a pint of same brand of alcohol for you for your sickness be sure and use them both on your self bathe in Alcohol the first two weeks to strengthen you and take one or two teaspoons of the brandy on a little sweetened water often for drink and for strength it is better and more costly than whiskey you know. There is a waiter for you, Myra, and Nell. for your tea outfit on the table. The boys out in all their old pictures and things divide them among the children and slate pencils too. The baby dress worsted and things done up in that package are for you. If you cant use the cashmere dress any other way make a comfort of it give the over shoes and mans shoes to Ernest and the children and the childrens shoes to any that will wear it is better than going bare foot. My health is very poor Have never got over my cold. Temperature is up every day from two to three and more degrees have had chills and fever for the week past – cough and raise awful, night sweats and so on can not get any help. Send washings out and send to crookstein for bread Ed sweeps and Bertie and I try to do the Rest some days when I can not talk at all I think I'll lay down and die and then I think I wont give up until I have too sure. Shall send Llewellyn either medicine or money perhaps both – If it had not been for medicine and knowing how to use it I would'nt have been here now you may be sure. The Express Frank [?] that is on the box be sure and save. Our agent did not mark it on purpose so we could use it again take the piece of board it is on and steam it on the wrong side until you can take off the frank [?] without tearing it and send it back to us unless you wanted to fil the box up with pumpkins squash and turnips and send back to us and then you would have to send it from Camden or some other office for they would recognize it at Belfast. This order that Ed has put in you will have to take to get the box as the Frank [?] is in his name don't forget that when you go for the box. I hope you will

get through your sickness all right and have a nice baby I am sorry you have had such a hard time this summer. I had not heard of your fall or any thing else love to all from all,

Alice

There is a little package for Mr Russ Mrs Russ and Lucie please give them to them divide the candy among the three families.