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My dearest friends  
Esmil, Ebban,

I'm trying to scribble a few lines to let you know I'm still moving around. I have had quite a time 3 weeks ago I had an other blackout was hurt so I could not walk at all - had to stay down could not make the stairs - but now I can go up stairs again. Mrs. Pailcoff have been real good to me seen to it that I have been taken care off - have not been outdoors in 3 weeks, and want be outdoors all winter I think.

I feel so bad about I can not be present on Linda's wedding I wanted to be with you all so badly. I'm going to mail a card and a little something for her wedding day and will be her

2) <sup>do you think you can clear this up for me</sup>  
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next summer - I hope  
Thank you for your Card your  
letters and for the calls I have re-  
ceived a very beautiful Xmas  
Card from your wonderful daughter  
Mrs. Gullakson say thank you  
from me to her. I assume you  
will all be together Xmas - I  
wish I had a family like you -  
you are lucky. you, Emil and  
Elba dont take any back seat in  
this respect - you have always been  
number one for me - I want to  
ask you for a favor - what I in-  
close use it for a little Christmas  
candi to treat the family and  
a few Cigars from Old John!  
and now I will send to you  
my warmest Christmas Greeting  
I'm sure you Both will have  
~~have~~ wonderful Xmas  
from me - to all a very happy  
Xmas and Gott Nyttår Old John

St Paul, Feb 5-69!

My dear unforgettable Friends

I shall try to write a few words to you - as I am sure you want one to. I want you to know that you are always in my mind and I'm waiting for the time when I can see you up here again. Time is going very slow for me - but the summer will come once more I hope - I'm still very shaky but I'm getting used to it - I think it is due to the horrible weather we have up here, that the Doctor wants let me go outdoors - so far I have not been any farther than on the front step taking in my mail so I have to do like the "Grone" hog do - stay in the "hole" at least 6 long weeks more. I sure want to thank you for your letters and phone calls - that help me remember my Clarendon Hills and my friends there.

I'm really tho' shaky to write. I have  
been on this unridable script  
all after none.

I suppose the doctor found out  
that I'm in my second childhood  
that is why I'm still on the Baby diet  
but it seems I'm no worse from it.  
I don't take any medicine so I'm  
not, what you may call Sick etc  
you sure have had lots of Birth  
days and lots of good time among  
your family - I hope the next it  
happen can at least send a Card  
But this time a well wishing to all  
of you.

well - My dear friend I better  
quit because after you have tried  
to read these "hieroglyphs" your eyes  
may burn like mine.

I hope I soon will hear from  
you Both.

your old John

P.S. My doctor's name is also Olson.

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