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Dear Cousin Jesse, -

Your nice long letter of nearly a year ago is still unaddressed, and I thought when it came that I would surely write to you again right away. But it keeps one busy to earn a living etc so the time flies by and I don't get as many letters written as I'd like to. We've had a lovely winter up to New Year's eve. Since then we have had some cold stormy weather but its warmer again today even tho the ground is covered with 3 or 4 inches of snow. But I suppose you are enjoying nice warm weather. I certainly would love to spend a winter with you and surely would if I could feel that I could afford such a trip. My journeys have never been very long ones. To Chicago is the farthest I have ever been from Minn. but its not because I would not like to see more of the world.

My work is retouching, and is on the negatives in portrait photography. I soften the wrinkles remove freckles and all blemishes. It is very close fine work, and keeps me right at my desk when there is plenty to do. Our busy season began about Nov 1st this year and I worked day and night too until the Fri. before Christmas. A number of nights I worked until 12:30. But it was a nice lot of work and I did very well this year so am grateful that I was able to do it.

I had a Christmas Card from Bertha. Not long before Christmas I received a nice

long letter from Clarence. He is still at Wheaton helping his boys thru school and seems to be enjoying it very much. Yes I believe he has a fine lot of cows. He told me that if I wanted to come and make my home there with them he would try and make arrangements for it. I'm too busy with my work here then to even write to him but I greatly appreciated his kindness and may be able to go and spend a week end there soon or see if I can find some kind of work there to do. I would like to be near Chicago too.

Well I wonder if you are seeing the way any clearer to be able to come back to the U.S. since you would like to so much I hope the way may open up soon. Is Nellie there yet?

Uncle Dillon and Mary are at Orrel Huntley this winter. Orrel and wife have gone south for the winter so Mary is taking care of the house for them and Uncle Dillon tending the furnace I think that is lonely for them and they will enjoy it. Mary wrote that Clarence and Ariel had driven over from Wheaton to see them.

Hill's daughter and her mother are in Milwaukee. Dolda is stenographer in an office and her mother is taking the business course and also teaching while she learns.

I'd love to get another nice long letter from you and would certainly go to visit you if I could see the way to be able to. Am wishing you all a very happy and prosperous New Year.
Much love to you all
Anna.