

Lausling, Mich,
Dec. 15, 1931.

Dear Eugenia ~~and~~ all,

It's a shame to keep your lovely invitation hanging in midair for so long but I simply couldn't help it. Had didn't decide to change and go on New Years to Uncle Bob's, until a day or two ago.

I am feeling real good now but don't stand very much - I went to S.S. Sunday but was so tired I had to go to bed as soon as I got home. However, I hope to be lots stronger by Xmas day.

We will try to leave before supper - Christmas Eve. I have written Mamma & Marjorie to be here by 3:00 and as soon as Bill can get off the route we'll start.

We're getting such a business we hardly can take care of it. We sold 22 chickens last Sat. and we didn't try to get orders for them either. Did quite a little over \$100 business this

last week.

We have a young fellow working for us in place of Mac now - also hire a meat cutter one day a week.

Mamona & Marjorie had gone home before your letter came and I meant to send it on but somehow it got lost so I told them the most important things when I wrote.

Of course, they're being gone, made it impossible for us to draw and so I am suggesting that we go back to the old-fashioned way of giving just a small gift to each one or ~~you~~^{we} could join and give one gift to two like you did last year giving Bill and me the dishes. Won't that be all right.

The girls are planning what fun it will be to have a real chimney to hang their stockings beside.

Mr. Horsington called up yesterday and wanted to know if you were coming here for Xmas. He says he wished you'd come over soon as he thinks you'll have to do something with the man in the last house you

built. He says he can't get anything from him and he's just going to the bad, whatever he meant by that.

I told him perhaps you could have New Year's off but I didn't know. He has written you but thinks perhaps you didn't get the letter. He sent it to Rockford.

Uncle John Hudson was able to be moved home one day last week but he isn't clear in his mind. I do hope it won't be permanent.

Donald Lamont is very ill. and also Freeman Whitmeyer. He has had three operations within the past seven weeks - two of them last week - has also had a blood transfusion.

Well, must close or I'll miss the mail again.

Lovingly yours,
Louisa.