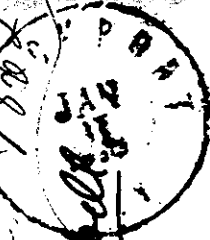


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trouble you to read it. I
fancy you'll see the end of
your lip and but half of
supper and jump as you
cavalierly throw it down
and then to the news of
the day - very well - good - you
Forgive me to write me -
Thank-Sister

Brockport Jan 30th /62

Dear Brother

Here have I - twice two
are four letters, all to be answered to-
night - that is all ought to be but only
one of them is going to be - and don't you
think me a very good sister to select
yours from them all? Yours too that I
did not like at all - Why? Alpaccagne

I'll tell you - you call me a model
correspondent - and though I know you
did not mean it - so, it seemed to me so
sarcastic. And then you spoke of having
quoted to others something I had written
you and that almost "killed me"

Now if ever again I hear of you

repeating any of my silly remarks
just look out for your ears, for if ever
I have the opportunity I'll put them
most unmercifully. Sorry are you? I warrant
you are laughing even now. Will laugh
if you want to - Laugh till you're grey but
- you know the rest. -

Mother just said to me - Are you
writing to your brother? Brother Eg is in
Columbus now. - Yes. I answer very demurely.
Thereupon she bids me give him her love.
Directly I look up under my eyebrows
and say - Perhaps you would like to know
what brother - and upon learning with a little
smile she says - very well, give him my love
and tell him we think of him often and
hope to see him again sometime. Julia says -
I would like to see him but would
much rather see that other correspondent
of yours - for Warner - Do you wonder? I
don't - Don't box my ears for impertinence.
please don't - - The three comprise all our
little family to-night - Father has gone

to Albany and Clara is away teaching.
We have real cozy times at home
this winter. I get lonely occasionally but
not often - Would tell you what I am
doing most of the time but you laughed
at me once & rather at what I had done
and so I shall not tell. -

Do you know I visited Angie
last week. Rode out in a sleigh Monday
and back Wednesday. enjoyed the ride
and visit very much. Found all three
whom I wished most to see - unless I
except Emma, and Angie had just re-
turned from visiting her. Albin do
you remember telling me once you wanted
us to be friends? I was never so resigned
in Heaven I am sure for although we
have spent one year together our inter-
course seems to have aided the friend-
ship - intimately perhaps I had better ex-
press it - but very little. That ancient wall
seems standing still - he must be two repellent
bodies I opine. Albin I have had

real naughty thoughts about you sometimes
I'll tell them to you and then you will
forgive or if true tell me and the cause.
I have thought you did not care half
as much for Sister Kellie now as you
used to, and sometimes that you would
as soon forget her altogether - Naughty
was it? ^{it wasn't a pleasant one} A hint ^{received} not long ago
solved half of what was to me a mystery
and the other half can easily be accounted
for. But if it is true that you have dis-
covered some monstrous fault that obscured
all the little good you may have thought
there was about me you will tell me won't
you brother! Præto change.

Miss Schroniskas wrote me not long
ago that she had been to Kingsville and
had some real nice visits with you. Just
think what I am looking forward to next
summer. Angie and Emma and Schrony are
all going to meet her - won't that be delightful
and don't you wish you were to come to? I
do wish you were to come and stay six weeks.
Rather selfish or I would be still enough for
you I can well see. And that reminds me that, ^{after}
all that long invitation I wrote you you did not
even tell me you regretted in the least not being
able to come this winter. I have half a mind now
not to send ^{this} letter. - Yes I will for I have just
enough ^{in my mind} towards you to want to