

Lowe Lake Calif
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Dear Alvie

I received your letter yesterday, and was glad to hear that your Mother went to Stockton. Katharine found that she was going on to Stockton.

I surey feel sorry for you kids to be alone and in that unfinished house. Wish I could go and help you fix it up. but I just cant do it now. because I am working so hard trying to sell this ranch. The money would help your Mother and everyone. I have advertised in so many papers, and wrote so many letters. Frank has drawn so many maps he could draw one in the dark now.

Lots of people would like this ranch but they have no money. But I am going to keep on trying until I do find some body with money.

I ~~am~~ working on your house. I wish he would get it finished up for you. I just hate to think of you all there in the cold.

Tell them all to be very very careful in they dont get sick with colds. That would make things worse.

Have you plenty of food and wood to burn? and does Aunt Hazel go over to see you? I know she has her own troubles but she has always been so nice to your children that I expect she will kind of look after you now that your Mother is in Stockton. I hope so.

Don't let your Mother go home for X Mass. tell her to stay there where she will be comfortable. and get her strength back before she goes home.

Now if your children will all work to gether, (instead of one leaving it for the other) you ought to be able to fix things up a little more comfortable and cozy. Be careful of the fire, keep the papers & clothes away from the fire place. One good spark could set the whole place on fire so be careful

What are you going to have on X Mass Day? I would like to have you all out here but that is out of the question, so dear kids try and make the best of things for a while, it will not always be like this. Every road has a turn and we ought to be near the turn pretty soon. Write soon. Lots of love to all