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Miss. Geo. W. Mansfield -
Pewaukee

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North Chazy Chace Rd

My dear Anna - Dec 16th

Your nice long letter
received & devoured - also
Gros last - Am glad that
you got out - & stayed over
night - & had a good time -
& hope you will have a good
Christmas - if not a very one -
we will have a good one - for
there are children here - & they
make for a good one - They
enjoy it so. Katherine is so
elated over the anticipation
of it - She has been down town
two different times to see toys
& Santas - & I stay with Brother -
He is just as good (as he can be -
much easier to manage - & amuse

Send me your Christmas list

than Katharine ever was -
She has a new broad-cloth coat -
that Carrie made - & she calls
it her new bran coat -
He told her that she was going
to have a brand-new Veal &
she could go down town then
Daisy got her a beautiful beaver
hat, & a dear little sweater -
& brother one too - They both have
hard colds - I am glad that you
will both go out somewhere for
your Christmas dinner -
It will not be joyous to me -
away down here - So far from home
for I still call the west my home -
It seems more to my liking
than Chevy Chase - Carrie is as
busy as Brownie was last winter

making her Christmas presents -
+ they are all pretty - & cost her
very little money -

It surely is fine that you have
such a comfortable stove - & a good
heater - I do indeed wish we had
such an one last winter - to cheer
us in our long winter evenings -
Had a good letter from Jim -
telling me of his good time &
dinner Thanksgiving day -
You did have a lot there then - but
they come in bunches dont they
just as they always have - The weather
is very mild - but we have had
snippy little snow - storms -
& it freezes some - We have a new
maid - she came yesterday - so we
cannot say much about her - only
we glad to have her here -

Never mind about those papers - I wrote them to change the address
to this one

Saisy is tying up things to put on
the tree - we have to work in the eve
when the children are asleep.

I do wish Harry had been rich
enough to have come here for Christmas
& brought you with him - I would not
survive with so much happiness -
heaped upon me - I have not heard
from Harry lately - got a nice letter
from Florence - she does not know
as she can go to house-keeping - for
W. O'ferman is in New York & does
not know as he will come back to
Chi - It may be just as well, that
she did not rent a nice flat -
I really cannot see how she is
ever going to start in again - for Billy
is doing very little - but they both are
so sick & tired of living there - but then
they are never happy any where -
With love to you & Geo. Mother -