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**Letter from Sarah [Muir Galloway] to [John Muir & Louie Muir],  
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Sarah Muir Galloway

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Dear Brother and Sister,

I wish you and the dear little girls a happy Christmas and joyful New Year. On looking back, the year seems to have passed quickly away, and we are still spurred to reach out to each other with kindly thoughts and heartfelt greetings. May the New Year bring to you God's best Blessings & with health and happiness and the power to enjoy them well. We are all pretty well here

here, Mother is in her usual health, she enjoys a walk as much as ever, but seems to get more easily tired than when you were here I think. Sister Annie still keeps improving and my own health is much better. I can do a good deal of work, and walk quite a little distance without getting too tired. We have much to be thankful for, more than we at all times realize, for I think we too often forget how much there is that we may enjoy, in reaching out after things that are just

beyond our reach. And so  
 Maggie is away out on the  
 Kansas prairie helping to get  
 meats and tacking care of milk  
 as in the days of old. I had a  
 letter from her about two weeks  
 ago in which she says that the  
 change is proving beneficial  
 she seems to expect to spend the  
 winter there. I do hope with all  
 my heart that their prospects  
 will brighten soon, and that  
 the cheeriness and comfort of  
 the old times may come back  
 to them. John seems completly  
 discouraged. Mother had a  
 letter from Dan last week  
 in which he tells us that he  
 expects to visit us in January,  
 if it is possible for him to  
 leave at that time. when are

you going to take another  
 trip in this direction? are  
 you still writing? your grapes  
 will be all gathered now so  
 that you will not be so busy  
 on the ranche. Some I hope  
 that you are enjoying good  
 health, what a pleasure your  
 little girls will bring you every  
 day. I remember how you did  
 enjoy Grandpa when we were with  
 you. How many pleasant  
 memories there is connected with  
 that visit. I wonder if you will  
 give us the pleasure of seeing  
 you here. Give my love to your  
 Father and Mother and kindest  
 wishes for the coming year.

Once again I wish you all  
 a glad New Year, Lovingly  
 Sarah.