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[Strentzel Muir], 1890 Dec 22 .**

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Portuge, Wis.

Decr 22nd/98

My dear brother John, and Sister Louie,
 it does not seem so very long
 since we were exchanging
 Christmas greetings, and yet
 we are just about to enter
 upon a New Year, and soon
 will have passed another
 of the mile-stones on our
 life journey. as we pass
 along the way, dear ones
 are leaving us for the
 better land, and we go on,
 under the clouds, if we try
 to go alone, but amid the
 sunshine (even if we do not
 see it sometimes) if truly
 under the guidance and
 direction of our heavenly Father.
 what who cares for the back of us.

I wish you could look in upon us, we are a very busy household, each in our own way, the house is well filled too, Mother and Aunt Annie, Joanne and her three children Grace and myself, then there is a daughter of Levi Hutton who is boarding with me and attending school, this is our every day family this winter" so you can guess there is some boiling and baking going on. The weather so far, has been very mild, indeed, we have had no severe frosts yet, but our worst storms usually come after Christmas. Your Alaska trip must have proved a very pleasant change for you the past summer. I saw

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a newspaper article describing the Muir Glacier, also Prof. Muir's summer cottage on the ice, of Prof. Reed and staff who set up their tents next to yours of your climbing, sketching, and sitting up all night admiring the wonderful Aurora borealis. I can imagine your pleasure and delight. We greatly enjoyed your Yosemite article in the Century, it revived memories of what I had read, and of so many things you told us of, while Maggie and I were with you these years ago, it seems a long, long time since then, there seems to be a space there that cannot be easily bridged over, can you tell why?

Louise I have been busy for some time as I had had opportunity knitting some woolen lace for Grandpa and Helen, I thought it would be pretty for their flannel undershirts, I had hoped to have it finished to be in time for Christmas but it will be a little late.

May you all have much of happiness this Christmas time, and may the coming year be filled for you, with God's best gifts.

Remember me lovingly to Grand-ma, may the sunshine of love, crown every step of her pathway through life

Yours Affectionately
S. W. Gallouf.