



House of Representatives U.S.

Washington, D.C. Dec 19th 1874

My dear son,

To Ed. G. Caldwell
Bingham School
Moberly, Mo.

In answer to your late letter, rec'd yesterday, I send you by express a box, containing an overcoat, pair of shoes & gloves, together with some Cakes, Candies, fruits, nuts &c as Christmas nic-nacs - all of which, I trust will reach you in due time.

If the shoes dont fit, have them carefully enveloped in stout paper, so that they will not be injured and express them back to me and I will have them exchanged - or, if you can get a paper box to send them in it would perhaps be better. The overcoat may be a little large but that will be all the better. Mother & I are both well.

Be a good boy, study hard and make a man. Mother joins me in much

love to her baby boy, and desires
me to remind you of her horror
for guns.

Mamma will write you soon.
write often

Affectionately

Your father
Geo. H. C.

We are located at A. M. Corner of
6 & E. Sts. I mention this that you
may not be misled by the "Imperial"
envelope in which this is enclosed.