

Jacksonville Ala
Dec 23rd 1846

Dear Pa

Yours of the 19th rec'd yesterday. We were glad to hear that you were well. The box for Ma-ma & clothes for me come to-day. I am delighted with my present. It is a great deal nicer than I had expected.

They fit exactly - Ma-ma says thank you for the box. She enjoys the bananas. Bro Math is here, has had sore throat for two or three days, but is about well. Ma-ma has been baking cake for Christmas, & has had

splendid luck. It is raining while I am writing, we have nothing but bad weather here. John Robinson's Circus was here day before yesterday, "Big thing", large crowd, but it rained during the performance & every body had to wade up depot street, through mud shoe-mouth deep. Well we bought a hog the other day, & killed it & the calf, so you see we have plenty of fresh meat. Wish you were here to help us enjoy it - we have two turkeys &c. So don't feel badly about us having nothing to eat. I must close to get this off. All well & send love.

Alf - E. G. C

P.S.

I am ashamed of
this scrawl, but I have
written it hurriedly. Please
excuse errors etc. I will
write you a "Granger" letter
in a few days.

Your devoted Son
Ed



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