

Jacksonville Ala  
Dec 23rd 1876

Dear Pa

Your's of the 19th rec'd yesterday. We were glad to hear that you were well. The box for Ma-Ma & clothes for me came today. 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 banannas. Bro Wat 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 Robinsons 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 etc etc. So don't feel badly about us having nothing to Eat. I must close to get this off. All well & send love.

Aff - E.G.C. [Ed G. Caldwell]

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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