

Jacksonville Ala
Dec 25th 1876

My dear father:

I have been thinking what would be nice to send Pa for Christmas? and could think of nothing you'd have that could be procured here, so I have concluded to send you a letter from home bearing to you the news of our good health, and a merry Christmas to you. I would have certainly done without a present this time if you hadn't sent me the nice cravat, accept thanks. Twas the only thing I needed in the way of dress. The fantastics rode today Little bud was captain's orderly while Den Privett lead the van. Twas a funny show and created a deal of mirth. No Christmas egg-nogs or holiday fightings. So far everything peaceable & quiet. Bro Wat & Sallie & Jess, Sister Em & Bro Charlie all took Xmas dinner with us today. All well.

Affectionately

Your Son

Jno. M. Caldwell [John M. Caldwell]

Thieves broke into Crawfords confectionary and took nearly half his stock

Hon: Jno. H. Caldwell.
U.S. House Reps.