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Dear Papa.

This is the first time I ever wrote to you and it seems very strange, but exceedingly nice. I should have written before but I've been so very busy. I shall not recite this term, shall make up four studies and shall have more time.

We are as happy as two people can be and we like our little house better every day.

It took a good while to get settled, but now that we are everything goes on nicely. We add something to it occasionally, nothing expensive but something that will make it look pretty.

I shall be exceedingly glad when you can come and see us.

I find the work for us two
~~not~~ is easy and Willie helps
me all he can so I get along
nicely.

We are going to Oregon City
next Monday to attend the Teach-
er's Institute. Shall return Thursday.

I wish we knew what you would
be doing Christmas. We expect Flor-
ace, of course, though he has not
really said he was coming.

Mary and we have a pocket book for
him. We have a music-holder
for Mary, but have not found any
thing for Sarah yet. We shall before
Christmas.

Lots of love to you both.
We miss you very much.

Mattie