

My dear Mrs. Bidwell,

I am so late about  
writing you that I am  
afraid the little Chick  
mas card I inclose will  
be a little late for the  
day. It is such a busy  
time. You know we  
have a Fair here with  
us this year. & she is

really more of a child  
than the children just  
now. I just wish you  
could see the tree she  
is decorating for tomorrow.  
It is too "Dutch" for any-  
thing and is really very  
funny. It is covered  
with great big pink &  
white paper flowers with  
gold thread in them, &  
gilded nuts & German

cookies & cakes & the little Christmas  
at the top. She has never seen pop-  
corn before & thinks that a piece of corn  
the children are very happy to ex-  
cite over their little Christmas  
My husband is making & I must  
say good bye in fact.  
Thanking you all as they say

Christmas To all best  
lovingly from friends -  
Jane & William Ingraham.

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