

C. Berlin, Ohio,  
Nov. 26, 1905.

My dear brother:-

Are you going to be out in Washington, by next summer do you think? I want to come out there if it is possible but probably it would cost too much wouldn't it? Anyway I hope you will take up a High School. I wish you were coming home for Christmas. It will be awfully lonesome out there on you think so? It is ever lonesome here at home some times when mamma is tired. There is no one to bother me by playing on the piano or flute or to tell me to get to studying, and I miss it. A great many nights after mamma has gone upstairs to bed, I study down here in the dining-room and it is as still as can be. Lots of times I have to fix the furnace for night after everyone in the house has gone to sleep. I sleep on the sofa here in the dining-room.

Before I forget it, I want to know what you want for Christmas. I have just learned how to make some awfully good fig fudge. Perhaps you would like some home-made candy sent, or would you rather make it yourself. Would you like some walnut meats? I can give you a bag of those. Or perhaps you would like a Brownie camera like mine so that you could take pictures of all the wonderful things out in the "Wild West." Anyway, tell me what you want, real you please? I know

you don't like to get presents because you feel under an obligation to the person you get them from. But you need not feel that way about me.

Well, I hope you have a nice Thanksgiving and will write to me often. Don't be afraid of saying too much in your letters to me.

Your Loving Brother

Nedles Nedles (Selden Belden)

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P.S. Your letter got here this morning (Monday) and it said something about the nut-meats and a camera. I will get some meats this afternoon after school and send them just as soon as possible by mail. I will get you a camera down at Goddick's and shall I send it right away or wait until we send you a Christmas box? Or would you rather ~~use~~ <sup>use</sup> a little of your money with mine and get a bigger camera than a Brownie? I can get a 4x5 plate camera at Sears and Roebuck with the outfit for only \$3.10 and the camera alone for \$1.90. Another camera, 4x5, but a film camera for \$3.75 without the outfit. Then they have sensitized postal cards on which you can print the pictures. I will get you some of those if you want them. Please decide what you want and I will send for it and have it sent direct to you.

Mamma says that perhaps you could do this (stick a little of your money in) and get a 4x5 camera at Sears so that it would be big enough to take pictures that you could see. Maybe Evelina and I will combine our money and get it if a camera is what you want.

Dear Willie: As Selden has written you now, I will only add my love this time. I expect to spend a few days with Evelina going Md. acc. Just now I am off to the dentist. How are your teeth? Regards to the Hillies. Your loving Mamma

After 10 days, return to

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Mr. William H. Belden,  
Monroe, Washington.

