

Bristol Dec 31<sup>st</sup>

My dear Selden.

I was perfectly de-  
lighted with the pretty  
card for scratching  
matches which you  
sent to me - and do  
you know it is exactly  
what I want most.  
In my match safe is

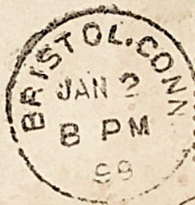
Thank you again for your pretty gift to me -  
Always lovingly,  
Aunt Clara

hands so nicely for it is a great gift.  
I suppose if I should see you now I  
would hardly know you - for you must  
be a big boy. Nine years old are you not?  
Kenneth Doss sent me something  
he made for me too - a plastic case  
that he moulded in wax at school  
So I shall hang them both in my room  
and think I have his very clever boys.  
I hope you have had a Merry Christmas.  
We had a very pleasant Sunday School  
festival and Mr Goodwin was Santa Claus  
and came in through the window  
all dressed in red and cruising with  
a grey beard - Please give my best  
wishes for a Happy New Year to you all and



A China one with no  
place to scratch the  
matches at all, so I  
shall hang this one of  
yours right over my  
table and use it every  
day and think of you  
each time I use it.

How really you made  
it too, I am very glad  
to see you can use your



Master Selden Pelden

of Mrs Wm H. Pelden

Aberlin Ohio

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of the exp.

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