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It will be worse still, I am sure,
with both Evelina and Willie gone.

Well, I want to tell you the condition
of my wardrobe. I have to wear my
best suit to school all the time now
because the other blue one has been
worn out for the last four or five
weeks. I need a new suit now, will it
be possible for me to get a new one
before Christmas? You have not yet

given me the money to pay for the
one that I have now, did you know
that? Another thing I would like
to ask you about. My feet, or rather
my shoes smell awfully when I sit
down to talk with anybody or to study.
I just can't have any more fun
because every time I sit down to read
or play a game down stairs in the
library, I notice the odor of my

O'Fallon, Ohio
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Dear Mamma!

You will excuse me for not
writing to you before this I hope. There
are so many things to keep me busy
here and I do so despise to write
letters.

I suppose that Evelina has told
you that I am waiting table here at
Lank. That reduces my board bill
to \$2.50 per week. I now owe \$13.50
for board. As soon as Evelina gives
me the \$12.50 for this month I can
pay up my bill to date. I am not
working at photography any more so
cannot not get any money except by
working here or by your sending it to me.
If you give me \$12.50 a month I will
get along very well.

Mrs. Allen has gone away for her

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health. She has been gone two weeks and we do ~~not~~ know when she will be back but not before January or February at the earliest. The home here is in the hands of a young man and his wife, named Banniger, missionaries from India. They are real nice to us all and she makes a good matron but we miss Mrs. Allen greatly. I hope that she will be able to be back before long. She wrote a letter to me giving a lot of advice which I am going to follow. If you would like to see it just say so when you answer this letter and I will send it to you.

What can I give to my sisters and you and Willie for Christmas? It will be here in about three weeks and I have not much money to buy presents with. Will please give me some suggestions and don't forget to tell

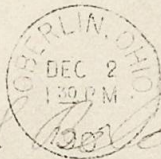
me what you want, besides a good boy. What shall I do Christmas vacation? I don't suppose it will be possible to go to New York or New Jersey, will it? Will I have to work during vacation? Can I have fun here at Hank. There will probably be a lot of things going on here in vacation.

I want to say right here that it is impossible for me not to be blunt in breaking off with one subject and starting in a new one all of a sudden. I am awfully sorry because I know you don't like that kind of letters and that is one reason why I don't write to you oftener.

Lately I have been awfully homesick. Especially so on Thanksgiving Day. I wanted table at dinner and nearly cried all the time. I suppose it was awfully babyish for a fellow of my size but it was my first Thanksgiving away from home. I just dread to think of Christmas.

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feet and I am sure that everybody
else that is around notices it too
and it makes me so embarrassed.
I bought a new pair of shoes just
a month ago and I have washed
my feet every single night since
I got them and have 3 changes of
socks a week and yet I have trouble.
Some of the time I put a clean pair of socks
on every day. Now what is the matter?
How can I remedy it? I am sure I
don't know. I've tried every way that
I know of and can't succeed. Will
you please give me some suggestions
and advice?

Well, I must not bore you any more
with my writing.
Goodbye and please write to me
soon.
Your most loving son
Helden.



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