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Darling Teddy,

I received your letter today and was very much surprised to see how well you write, I am sure you must be very industrious to learn so fast for I suppose you are improving just as fast in all your studies. I have been wanting a long time to get a letter from you & I'm sure this

must have been intended
for a surprise. I am sorry
you could not go out to
enjoy the snow but I hope
by this time your cold is
much better if not entirely
well. We here had several
snow squalls here and for
several days it has been cold
and wintry. We here had a
delightful Autumn and I
believe ^{now} we are going to have
real winter. I hope there will
be plenty of snow so the boys
will have a good time coasting
and ice to go skating. I want

over to Washington today
to meet Aunt Mary on her
return from Easton, and
reading your letter in the
carriage my fingers got pretty
cold for I had to take my mittens
off to handle it. I think you
must have a lovely family
of young folks and so many
pets too, it must be very in-
teresting. I never saw a white
rat but I suppose it must
be very nice. I can hardly
think of a rat with any af-
fection our New Jersey rats are
very disagreeable & troublesome.

but I suppose the color of their
fur makes a difference, Nath,
and Charles has a squirrel
and he is very pretty & cunning
Sometimes he gets out of the cage
and runs about gets on our
shoulders some days when much
Joe had some nuts in his
pocket he tried to get in there
He likes to drink out of a spoon
One day I put him out on the
porch for an airing, & some
time after when I looked to
see if he was safe for he has
a trick of turning over his
cage. I found he was gone I
called quickly to much Joe, who

comes soon put him in again
He did not venture far from
his home. Mrs White Kitty is
getting very saucy - Charles used
to be rather rough with her &
altho she used to be very loquacious
and patient now if he comes
near her she tries to scratch
him. I suppose she feels that she
must be on the defensive all
the time. He loves her so much
but don't realise that pulling
her hair is at all annoying to her
well. I guess my letter is long
enough so I will say Good
night and may you have

Pleasant dreams and sweet
rest until morning. Do you
think Mama is pretty well?
Thank you very much for
wanting me to be with you for
Christmas. It would be very
nice to see all of you, but I
think I cannot go to Berlin
just yet, tho' I would love to
Good night again with 100
kisses to you, dear and love
to all. I am always your

own, loving Grandma,
Jane A. Scrantom,

Clifford Dec. 8th 1899.



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