

Willow Springs, Mo.

Dec 8th, 1922.

My dear Sister & Albert,

Must get a note off to you today to insure reaching you for Christmas. I wish I could come instead and be a boy again with you. I received a letter from Alie this week and she mentioned Mother and you I'd have been proud to show dear old Mother my family. I know she would have approved of them, but perhaps she knows. Tho' I often doubt it. I wish I could have the happy assurance as to the future that some people enjoy, but I think too much. — But it is Christmas, a Festival not a Sacrament, to be enjoyed in the present, wonder if you'll be together for

one of the girls wrote that Hubert was working
but I hope you'll be able to spend the day
together if not I know there will be a good
warm letter for you, perhaps you'll run over
to B. in order to have young folks around
you, for they tell me you are young and full
of interest in life and current events, that's
good! - whenever you are I hope you will have
a Happy Day and enjoy it all, I think you
will, we shall think of you and wish you
and want you, - We don't expect to have any
visitors except just neighbors, We are planning
to have a "Radio" Party of neighbors to come
and hear a Radio Program on our outfit
we haven't received it yet but hope to have
it installed before Christmas and expect
to enjoy some good entertainment from
St. Louis and Kansas City this winter,

There is something broadcasted every minute of the day almost from 8 a.m. to 10.30 p.m. Market & weather reports and news of interest interspersed with lectures &c. and each evening there are several programs given and we can tune in to first one & then the other & hear Kansas City awhile, then St. Louis or Jeff City or Springfield. I won't need so many Magazines now. wish you could drop in. Dorothy's husband installed one in their house and she says they sit up till one a-m listening to it. Now there's Dot, Lill & Jo have each an outfit & we are joining them, and I look for the others to follow suit.

We are having mild weather so far and hope it will continue for zero weather is so hard on stock. we can keep warm in the house but the poor live stock get cold even in

The barns, and the hens stop laying, and
hens are our hobby just now the boys
handle them but I like to see them, over
200 all pure white look so pretty. I
took 30 doz eggs to town yesterday and
there will soon be another crate ready,
you would get enthusiastic too I guess
if you could hear them cackle.—

I think you might be interested by reading
Alice's letter if you are alone so I'll enclose it
just destroy it when you've read it as I get a
new one about every week. I haven't seen her for
11 years I guess but I know what she does &
seem to know all her friends & do know many of
them she keeps me posted on what they do
daily & she & Jim get the farm news every
week. Lill & Frances write every week too but Jo
& Dot not so often.

Good bye dear, Merry Christmas to you & H.
and a prosperous & happy New Year.

Truest Love Mrs Sam.