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Can't tell you anything about the weather because you have the same things dished up as we.

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We have played a lot with varying success and we now stand with one ahead to my credit. Yesterday morning I had 3 the advantage. It's really quite a long-headed game. The points are to know when to block and when to unblock -- when to hold back & when to forge ahead! Sometimes it takes an hour and a half to play out a game.

Last week we took a lot of lumber up to St. Johns and got a lot of oak & soft maple flooring -- all we want for the proposed new house. Also a lot of Bass wood siding or clapboards enough also. Transferred all the remainder of the oak lumber up overhead in the hay barn out of the weather. Enough to finish most of the structure in oak. We have enough material in the woodline to build the house. Nearly. There will be some shingle to buy & brick & ...

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... current & small stuff in shape of nails, paints, hardware, etc.

Have been getting books of designs and have subscribed for [??] magazine for a year which is devoted to house building and she is a good one.

If we build it, as we think now, it will be a modern colonial, gam[??] roofed, dormer windowed, hard wood floored affair, with painted roof and shingled gables, and a proper sized porch, a vestibule, and open stairway -- fireplace, and a large living room with polished floor & plenty of light. The outside walls when finished will be about one foot thick and cannot fail to be the warmest house in Michigan in winter, bar none, and the coolest house in summer. Perhaps I've bitten off more than I can chew but can do it, but not in a day. Have made a beginning anyhow.

Can make it for about half what it would cost a city feller. Now this is a "fambly secret" and is not to get ...

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Becky is getting to be the most loving cat I've ever met. She jumps up & cuddles down on my knee & stays there as long as I stay in my chair. Then again she jumps upon my shoulder & settles there.

Today as I was writing she got on my back & went to sleep. She caresses me too cunningly at times.

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... living out of the pig trough when I find the pig's barley dough --

Today 8 lovely little quail went skittering along in the snow past the south window -- crossed the road and disappeared in Ian Hays barnyard.

The two barn cats are wintering huskily -- I feed them twice a day with hot milk. They keep the vermin well cleaned up, and even take care of Lowes premises. They squeak like vampire bats when begging for their cow juice.

Square-toed brother Bain got some religion in the revival but not enough to make him deliver up Lowes old rooster which came to Bain's about the holiday time.

The rest [?] over in the yellow house is pretty much sick and the town is helping them. Jack [??] the sheriff says its the awfullest hole he ever entered.

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Yesterday we got a letter from Aunt Alma saying that Myra [Sarah Lomyra] was taken with a chill the day before -- Thursday and that Friday she had the pneumonia which the doctor said was a serious case, but not dangerous as yet. Mary & Harl [Harlan Keys] are there and the doctor has ordered a nurse from Grand Rapids or Detroit.

Ma has written to Aunt Alma trying to get her to come away on account of the danger to her of which there is plenty.

Bertha was to go over there today and report to us if she was worse, but we have had no word, as yet.

Got a letter from Ben B written on the steamer down the bay, 100 miles below Baltimore, at Cape Henry. Where the pilot leaves the steamer. I put on a bit of pressure and wrote Ben a letter ...

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... which he got on the steamer and which he declared was greatly enjoyed by the Captain, [??] & himself. It was a kind of a hummer and treated of seah things applicable to their case. I enclosed my list of Jamaica proverbs [found separately in this collection], some 125, which B declared were nuggets of gold to him for such a voyage.

Well, 'tis time the harper cries, to bed -- to bed -- to bed so with much affection I am,

Yours, as

ever,

## "Skaister"

P.s. Send this on to Beulah, please. So ma says & don't delay.