

KEWEENAW CLUB.

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My dearest Meezie:

Yesterday afternoon I went out to Calumet, and a friend of mine urged me to stay all night and drive out to the Central Mine with him to day. Not having my Jaeger u. s. with me, I came back here on the 5 P. M. train, had my dinner, packed my bag and took the 7:30 train ~~out~~. We left his house at 8 this morning, upset before we had proceeded 100 yds., but got righted again and reached the mine without further mishap at 10:15— 18 miles away. Snow fell pretty thick during our drive out and back, but the road was pretty good, and as I was wrapped up in my fur vest and

Prof. Sharpless's big fur coat. I did not feel the cold, altho' my mustache looked like the eaves of a house when I got back. I caught the train home just as it was pulling out of the station. We saw some good collections and corralled "a few specimens."

And now I must tell you some news. I had a mineral sent me for examination the other day, and after trying all, or nearly all, the dry tests, I went up to Dr. Koenig to try some wet ones. Together he worked about a day on it, and I left him working yesterday noon. We then were pretty sure that we had a new mineral, not only for this region, but for the world! That alone would be enough to make me jump, but to-night Dr. K. says he thinks we have a new element!!! That would be too good for anything, so I am holding my breath and bracing myself until further developments shall settle the matter beyond doubt. I shall

be only the tail to the kite, but think of the glory that will be reflected on the Mining School! Don't breathe a word about it to anybody, until I tell you you may.

Dear me! Here is Xmas almost here, and I have not done anything about presents for the children. Little, Brown & Co. have just published a book by Parkman, illustrated by Remington. I wish you would get it for Ch. I will have Houghton, M. & Co send me of Uncle Remus's books to Mr. I hope it won't be too old. Please collect the enclosed Engl. chks. thro' your bank to pay for C's book. Your present will be made at home and won't be done for some time. Buy Julia a rattle for "Papa". I would send direct to Little B. & Co., but I have lost their prospectus & forgot the name of the book. Excuse incoherency in the foregoing. I was called

down stairs to talk over a whist party for this week, and we have finally decided to abandon the idea of a large party, and I shall have three "stay" tables. I have long thought of doing so, and am under obligations to a number of gentlemen. The Xmas holidays have begun, and many of the students have left town, but quite a number will be at the school this week finishing up their work. I shall have a lot of MSS. to read and correct, + shall devote some time to my mineral.

I hope you will all have a lovely Xmas. I shall think of the Baby opening her eyes wide at what trinkets she may get, altho' I suppose she is still too young to share very much. Give her a good hug - and several to the other chicks. Write soon to your affec. "hubby"
L. C.