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[letter from Henrietta Bruce Green to the Bruce family, 1873; envelope says "Compliments of the Season to Loved Ones at Home"; first page of letter has a monographed "G" in the top left corner]

Dec 21st 73 – [December 21, 1873]

A merry merry Christmas – to all the loved ones at home. I wish I could send you something really worth having. – but times one [are] so hard money so scarce and board so high, you must take my will for the dec'd [deceased] and accept. This time – a fine little present, from Richard and I –

I have worked right hard since I came home – worked the pillow cases and, boalster cevor [?]. I didn't make the pillow cases Ma for I was afraid I would get them either too large or too small. I made the ruffling and Lillie will finsh [finish] them for you. I expect Pa will laugh at his present. But when I was out home I remember hearing him say he would like to have some fancy night shirts – So Pa I do hope they will fit I had to make them by preseeme [?] – and I fear I have gotton [gotten] them too large. I crochet [crocheted] the mats one for Nan chair and the other for Bro [Brother] Sin's I trided [tried] to match the blues of your carpet as nearly as I could remember. The horse and the wagon for little Lin the goat for Duke Dick you must bend his head Dick and he cries just exactly – like a ~~mamie~~ nannie goat. Magmie your little collars one ~~like~~ the style girls of your age are wearing now – they will nice for little Brother to [too] but you ~~must~~ musnt let him have them – and Marmie will mark them in your name. I send you the dress Lillie which I hope you will have attend and make you a pretty stylish evening dress.

Mr Duke hasnt [hasn't] sent Brucie down. So I cant [can't] resist sending he and Jimmy a little box. I got for Bruce the nices [nicest] little farm – ~~the~~ It has the houses, the cattle and farmers he was always so fond of anything of this kind I know it will please him I send Jimmy the game of Parcheesia - [Parcheesi] – he is old enough now for games. I got them each a book and will fill up their box with every thing nice to eat I can find. – Pauline I look all over Cincinti [Cincinnati] to find a chintz – but could find nothing pretty or suited to your idea or taste.

I havnt [haven't] heard from home for some time Why dont [don't] some of you write. We received an invitation [invitation] to the hop [sic] from Mr Finch, I expect it will be a grand affair. Hoping Santa clause [Claus] will fill all of your stockings to overflowing I remain devotedly your

Henrietta