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Dear Cousin

Your epistle found me on the point of addressing you to the care of your brother at the old homestead corner of Spring & Crosby Streets but as I now have in your esteemed Newyours Gift the exact locality "73 Eldridge Street" I shall not have any difficulty. I discover you have the trials attendant on housekeeping & yet you are not afraid of the addition of Mrs oldfashioned people but we begin to suspect that in order to hold our present standing that we had better not come near you. for if we now know out of sight is not to be out of mind we are not sure but in sight no favor find but then how are we to know who Cousin Margaret looks like and when will the wonder cease whether we will love her as much when we see her as we now do. but did you send a Newspaper when you could not take the time to write. if so what was its head. I suspect you did not send one, but you will on the receipt of this, and then write again as you can conveniently. In consequence of my health I have sold my interest in the Foundry and intended remaining at leisure for sometime nursing

myself and still hoping to pay you a visit in the Spring. but I have already been applied to by a Manufacturing Co to aid them in the opening of their concern & give a promise which will perhaps change the whole of my plans. and such is my conviction of the uncertainty of the future that I dare not promise myself any future pleasure and yet I do enjoy the present. I am never sad though often in delicate health. I thank you for the account of the Ray family. and was no little pleased with your Merry Christmas & Nativity Solennity. I hope my friend Copeland called on you and would be pleased if his lady did. So also. he is a great traveller & I have his promise to call on us and perhaps he may bring you along and if so I shall be delighted. Still it is uncertain whether we will continue housekeeping longer than Spring my friends are all anxious that we return to Pittsburgh and reside among them. As to governing Children perhaps I am a better theorist than practitioner. Still I am unwilling to give up the law of kindness. although I am sure that decision and firmness must not be omitted no child must ever appear to conquer. your patience must never be exhausted and if it is necessary the rod must be used but never in anger. all this is very difficult

and children will try every expedient in order to carry their point. they will tease & coax & laugh & cry and more than human wisdom will be required to overcome their cunning wiles. As to what length of time you are to wait until you see us let us leave this in the hands of the Great Disposer of all our changes while we so strive to live that we may know that all things shall work together for our good and that there is a time speedily approaching "when" "we shall know even as we are known & see even" "as we are seen" "when friends shall meet to part no more who have loved" tho' they have never seen each other in the flesh. and let us now enjoy the enchantment which distance lends by continuing the kind and affectionate regards which we now enjoy. we still remember you and yours in our daily approaches to a throne of grace & hope we enjoy the same share in your supplications. I should much rejoice to learn that Richard has set up a family altar and that he and you are fellow heirs of the grace of life. pressing your way through evil & good report until safely brought into His presence with exceeding joy who has said "where I am there shall" "my servants be also" we join in most affectionate regards to all
Cousin John L. Landis

