

Galveston, Texas  
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Dear Big Brother,

I meant to write real soon to you but I've been so busy. That's my everlasting excuse, isn't it? Well, anyway I just wanted to tell you how much mother & I like the album. It's lovely. As soon as we wash all of the pictures we're going to fasten them in. You know I thought & thought what to get mother, I even asked all of the neighbors, so finally decided it

It would be best to let mother  
get what she wished rather than  
spend the money on something  
she did not ~~it~~ need, want, or care for.  
Mother decided to try & get a lining  
for her fireless cooker as the old  
one has holes in it.

Mrs. Fickett is here, but then  
I believe mother has written you  
since she came.

Yesterday we had the  
Sunday School picnic. It was  
lots of fun. I believe everybody had  
a good time. I was in such a nice  
crowd. Mother didn't go. She said  
it would be too much work & expense.  
We all went in reading & had lots  
of fun. We went rowing too. It

was not too hot. In the morn-  
ing the sun shone then it was  
cloudy in the afternoon. It even  
rained a little, but not enough to  
matter.

I've had my picture taken <sup>to</sup> go  
in the picture of the whole  
class which we leave the school.  
It was rather good, nothing wond-  
erful. I'll give you a trade, mother  
said that if you had taken the same  
picture I would not have liked it  
because I would have expected  
<sup>it to be</sup> better because you did it. But I'm  
going to have a real nice one taken  
and mother is going to try and buy  
the negative so you can <sup>make</sup> some  
of your good prints to send to the  
folks. Would you like to & do you

think they'll sell the negative? I  
wouldn't be surprised if they didn't  
because they know I want it.

We're started "Teag" good now,  
and it really isn't so bad. But Chem-  
istry gets worse & worse every day.

When do you think you'll  
come down again?

Give lots of love to Nobby  
& little Gilbert. The rat his grand-  
ma has two little white kittens for  
him to play with when he comes  
down. Mother's garden is doing  
fine.

Love & lots of love

Ruth

P.S. I guess we'll get a letter from you  
tomorrow. Mother is so disappointed in  
her glasses. She went back to Dr. Haden  
& he said, after repairing the eyes that  
she'd have to get used to them.

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