

Santa Monica, Cal.

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Dear Kate,

I can scarcely realize the winter is nearly passed, it has passed so rapid particularly since we came here. The days seem so short. we get up very late. I do my little house work. I pray to do but please bear in mind Jim does most of it as he does the sweeping and helps get the meals and as there are so many places where one can buy such good home cooked things house keeping is very light work.

your shopkeeping. According to all reports in
the papers you must have had a mild
winter, while poor California has suffered
a great deal from the frost; there have always
been so many flowers here, but there are
very few left, but it will not be long before
they will look as well as ever again. Kato
did the Mc Bride come to California this
winter? If so, do you know where they are
living? He has from home three and
four times a week the last time they
wrote they were all well. It has been
a very mild winter ^{there} so far but according
to the papers a blizzard is there at present. I am
glad we are not there as it has been cold
enough here for me, and that is not cold
at all compared with Illinois winters. Re-
spond our congratulations Kato on your
sixty first birthday and hope you may be
spared to see many more. I cannot
realize that I will be sixty four in so short
a time. We are both enjoying good health
particularly compared with what we had
last summer. Jim and I send a great
deal of love to you Dickie and Albertine.

Lovingly your sister Rachel B. Lee Cycle,

It must have been very pleasant
to have ^{had} both children home
with you during the holidays.
I am so glad Albertus likes
his work. I received a very
interesting letter from him
soon after we came here.

We hear occasionally from Ethel
is she preparing herself to teach?
This morning we received a
letter from Sara they were all
well. I am glad she is so much
better she was going to Perugia
with Rose and John so I knew
she must be well as it means
so much to go to Perugia to do