

Douglas, Arizona, Dec. 19, 1916

Dear Mamma:-

It is pretty lonesome without you. I like visits, but not the going away. Got your card from Tucson this morning. By this time I suppose you are out at the ranch. Hope you had a good trip, and am glad you did not have to wait here.

Am glad to hear that we can fence the lot off. The agent who is building the flats was in to see if we wanted to put in sidewalk when he did. He said that he had tried to buy Moore's lot the last month or so, so that he could build flats right up to us, but Moore said that he did not care to sell any of his property. If we can not get the lot, it is a satisfaction to know that no one else will build and shut off our light. I rather think that this agent is the man for whom the bank 'phoned over here, asking if we wanted to sell our lot. They started to laying brick this morning and you should see the way it is going up. By noon the wall on this side was up about three feet. They have a big window on this side.

We got five eggs yesterday. Two of them were dumped in the yard. Today we are to have a Rhoda egg.

The wind and dust have been sailing around today, and it is clouding up a little. I suppose we must expect some bad weather.

It is too bad you bothered to write out those notes. Mrs. Davis came and asked me if I had them, and then there was so much business that we had no literary program. They are going to study the life and works and James Whitcomb Riley and Eugene Field. I am disappointed as I thought they were going to take up the history of Arizona. I do not feel there is much to study to the other.