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Dear Deben Quinn Sir I thought after a long silence I would drop you a few lines to let you know that one Bill Quinn was still in the land among the living and at home this cold winter day this is Sunday and the family has all gone to church I dont know whether they have you for the good of the preaching or not or the good of the sleigh riding this was a fine snow fall night before last which has made it very good sleighing we have had some very cold days this winter but it is more pleasant now and a prospect for more snow I hope that it will come for I shall soon be going to the mill I have got a new pair of bot sleds that I want try if you and your family will come over we will take a ride in them well I dont know that

I believe that I have nothing more to write how is the little gray horse getting along tell Johny & Sarah & Thomas to com over and I will give them a new years gift & tell Aunt Jane that I have not forgotten her that I send her my best respects we ar all well and I hope that this letter will find you all injoying the same blessing tell Grand Father & Grand Mother howdy for me I would like to see the very much please excuse bad spelling and writing for I wrote this in a hurry So good night

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It seems to quit a calm after  
the storm of war we have passed through  
the war is over thank god and peace reigns  
in our land the soldiers have got home  
and returned to their different occupations  
of life and I hope that they may all make  
them selves useful to society in building  
up our country that has just emerged from  
a bloody war which will never be forgotten  
in history I spent 18 months in the service  
of my country which I don't regret it was  
a lesson to me which I will never forget I followed  
the old flag through and the same old flag  
about to be <sup>to day</sup> ~~to day~~ and I think will as  
long as time will last and I think heaven  
will do made odious, well enough of this  
every thing is moving along after the  
old fashion I believe Old Andrew  
Gwinn was out to see us this  
winter he lives in Washington Co  
Ill. A. J. Gwinn was with him  
Old Andrew looks hearty

The worst that I could see  
about him his speech is bad  
take me as I mean not as I say  
I suppose that you have heard  
him talk if you have not just  
get upon one of them mountains  
som still morning and I think  
you will hear him he is rich  
he owns three thousand acres of  
land he sold one hundred  
head of cattle last fall at  
seventy dollars a head that  
is the way to make money  
I think you had better sell out  
and com back to our western  
country if you will com I will  
take you out to Ill where  
you will see some of the pretty  
land in the world it will make  
your eyes water to look at it  
Walker is teaching school this  
winter he has about fifty scholars