

I suppose Joe and Carrie  
will be home Christmas  
although Carrie wrote me  
she thought of spending a  
part of her vacation in  
N. York City.

I wish I could spend Christ-  
mas with you but of course  
its out of the question  
Some of you had better be  
planning to come see ~~us~~  
before long

Thos killed our hogs about  
two weeks ago, He killed  
four two weighed about  
two hundred the others  
about one hundred and  
fifty. I had about ten  
gallons of lard.

We made a two gallon jar  
full of sausage.

Uncle is in some better  
health he has been to  
Metropolis for about a week  
we look for him home before  
many days.

I'd like very much to  
have Jontie's picture. hope  
you have int cut his  
curls off

The last letter you wrote  
was forwarded from Joppa  
to Grinnell.

It might be well to  
spell the name of the  
state in place of abbreviating  
it as there is a Grinnell  
in Iowa and letters intended  
for this office often go  
there.