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Dearest Sister Mine - Just a few lines with this package. Hope you are all well as this leaves us. My Carl my baby walks all over has all of his teeth and is still fat. Oh! we do nearly go up over him!

I am sorry there is such a difference in the jackets (size) hope they'll fit. Also, the larger one I like the crochet work better. They are for Minnie and Melvina. Madna did the crocheting. The sofa cushion is for your ymas. I really expected to get it done sooner but couldn't. But hope dear sister that you'll enjoy it any way. There is such a soft place in my heart for you and Ed and there comes such a hard lump in my throat when I think of you. And I feel like I can't think of you going far away to live. But I

Hope God in his goodness will bless
all of ^{us} these hard times. Oh! Why do
loved ones have to be separated. I never
or did know how much I thought of you
until you had gone and then
what a lon some time I had.

Alice has cried hours for Minnie and
she hasn't cried alone. You know
when I used to go to Dubuque, when
I would go home, how I cry at leav-
ing Laver. Well I've never quite
gotten over it, and I hate being left
just as bad.

Fred has or is going to apply for an
addition under the enlarged homeste-
ad law and so for a while at least
we are settled. But Maybe some
day we'll live in same place. I'm hoping
Hope you are all O.K. and wish
you'd write as often as possible
for I do sure get lonesome. My love
to Lucy & all from all Lurline