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Hi!

Here it is Christmas again and also the time I somehow manage to do most of my letter writing. I wanted to get done sooner but a bad stubborn cold has prevented me from doing so. How is everything out in sunny California? Well I hope. We've been having a seige of mild sunny weather but today it is raining. We hope it won't turn to snow. So far there's only been one snow fall and that wasn't bad. It sure was nice to get together with you folks this year if only that bee sting didn't have to spoil it. Believe it or not I felt soreness in that leg for at least a month and a half after that. Severe cellulitis had set in plus much swelling. The doctor said I just have to stay away from bees or wasps. That's not easy to do. I am enclosing some prints of the pictures I took which I'm sure Betty and Elaine will recognize. I truly enjoyed the good time we had together then. I often wonder how you manage with the "dog". I suppose you may have heard the sad news that Lovina had to go back to the hospital and have another toe removed. Lorraine told me about it. Poor Lovina. I do feel for her. My brother Gordy & family will fly to Houston Texas for the holidays so we won't be many this year. Carla & Rick won't come here until next spring. Gordy's daughter Patty plans to get married next Aug. 16th so it will be a busy summer. Lorraine had an extra ticket to a Chinese Acrobat performance at Paramount Theater so she invited me to go with her. It really was superb such perfection - such beauty and so very daring. I've never seen anything like it in my life. It's not easy for the Paramount Theater to keep getting all these professional performers due to the huge expense involved. Even though I don't work at the office at this time of the year I find plenty to keep me busy and then there's always Mildred to help out plus some friends who have no means of transportation. I hope to be fully retired next year, that should make it easier to get things done. Isn't it amazing how the senior citizen population keeps increasing? One wonders how the Social Security and pensions funds will hold up.

I must bring this letter to a close for now with best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Love, Elsa