

my dearest Gertrude,

Am sending you a little Xmas gift - some handkerchiefs and a fountain pen. I remember that you do not use a fountain pen but try this one. It is a specially good one and it seems to me you might like it and

find it a convenience.  
These handkerchiefs can  
be marked at a later  
date if I had them.  
It was too late for  
marking when I got  
them.

It is hard work  
shopping here in Chicago  
at this congested time.  
Some books for the  
small children was  
almost all I was  
capable of. But you  
see you get a little  
that also with the  
little folks.

Wishing you a very  
Happy time at this  
Holiday Season  
Love

Mother.

