

Arthur Crease's Letter to His Mother

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My dear Mama

I wish you many happy returns of your birthday. Mr. Ward has got a new cow & he has sent both his horses out to Cedar hill for the winter. The horses which were in the cart that came for them looked so handsome, they arched their necks so prettily. Yesterday I went to play with the Wards; we made fires & burned up all the rubbish & leaves round their place. We made a new rabbit hutch & put 10 young rabbits in it. They have 17 rabbits now, but 3 belong to Hugo Beaven 1 of them weighing 10 pounds.

One of the Wards nurses is very ill. There has been some thick ice & it has been freezing every night & it is freezing now.

Tomorrow if I am a good boy Mary is going to drive me out to the "Royal Oak" with Susy. Now I must say goodbye.

I remain
your loving son

AD Crease

Please give my love to papa

here is yours XXOOOOOOOOXXXXXX

here is Papa's 00000xxxxxx

N.B Please let me know next time you write if I may take a bit from my purse to spend on Christmas cards.