

Kinneby Lake

March 16 - 1924

Mr Wm Buman

Harlan Iowa

Well Old Pal just got your letter yesterday so I am answering it today well I am sure glad to hear from you and to know you and your Mrs is enjoying a Happy and Prosperous new year you sure have my Best Wishes and Old Pal I am going to invite my self for a visit with you perhaps next fall I think I am on the Road to Success I have been out in the hills since last July myself and a Partner we have located some Rich Quartz Runs as high as \$2250 Per Ton I think we will be able to make a turn this summer on it as we have had some Experts already to look at it I have been isolated away from Civilization since the first of last Oct until now I come in for some supplies to Chitna that is on the Upper River and Northwestern Railway I will be heading back on the 18 I am about 40 miles from the Coast Back of Valdez I have got a good dog team I made the trip out in 11 Days we have a Beautiful winter here no

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snow Autos has Being Running all winter
 leave and Caterpillars The Road Commission
 has lots of trucks hauling all winter
 I think that this country is changing fast.
 Well I did not get a party or I have not
 being out - since I was with you But I am
 still a guide for the White River Section
 Cap Hubrick had a party from Chicago
 a man and his son last summer I was
 corresponding with the same fellow But I
 guess Capt was the cheapest man But I dont
 care if I can not get my price I do not
 want them I get my price I will guarantee the goods
 I have not heard from Bertie in a long time
 But I think he is white Horse yet the only
 one I heard from outside yourself was
 Caraway and thats about a year ago
 About that name sake of mine I have no
 Relation by the name of Ernest that I know
 of my Brothers name is Martin I have
 not heard from him for about 6 years I
 think he has left where he used to live
 in Melrose Minnesota County will there
 is a closed season on Beaver But
 Martin makes the nicest fur for a Lady
 think is not Bad of course Nurse is much
 cheaper I could pick you up some

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nice skins and I will promise you as
a Pal I dont want a Cent for my trouble
Ether But If you Pick up some good matched
skins the Cost a little more good dark martin
Costs about \$35 to 40 a Piece that - is not I am
located in a good Bare Country I will
Pop down some this spring If I get some
good hides I will let you know you might
find some one that would want them I got
some goat last fall I saved the skins
they are fine for rugs or robes well I did
not get your Card from Honolulu I guess it
went astray well Pal I wish you the
Best of luck and thank you for those pictures
I see why you like home life you got
a nice looking wife hope she is well and
the Baby also well you just look the
same I am getting Old and grey But I
am But - feeling fine I could run down a wolf
well good by Old Pal

Best of luck

Yours truly M J Knowles

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P.S.

It would take I think
about 6 martin to make a
neck piece for a lady especially if she is tall

Ans Sept 23. 1924

Mr William. Pi
Harlem