

Christmas Eve 1853

Chimney Corner

Dear Charley & Erny,

I have not time to-
night to write you each a
letter having so many little
folks stockings to fill and
I am afraid to stay here too
long for fear you should see
me for I hear you begin to
find me out & that will
never do until you are too
big to be pleased with toys
& bonbons.

I love to come & wish
you a merry Christmas
but I wish I could say
you have been as good

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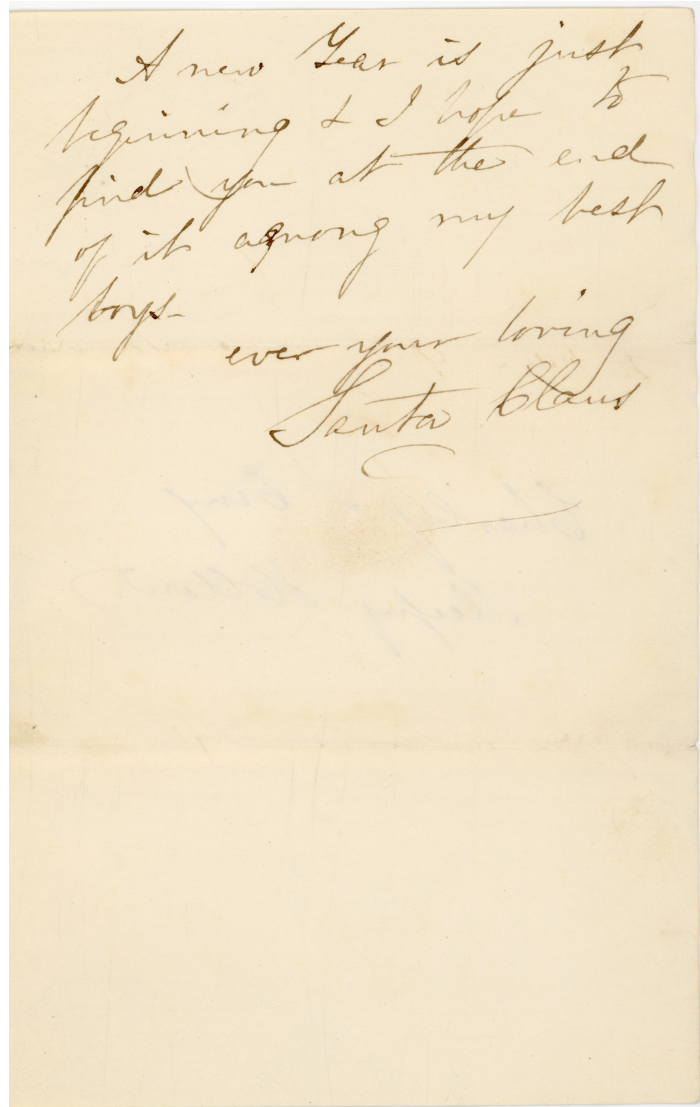
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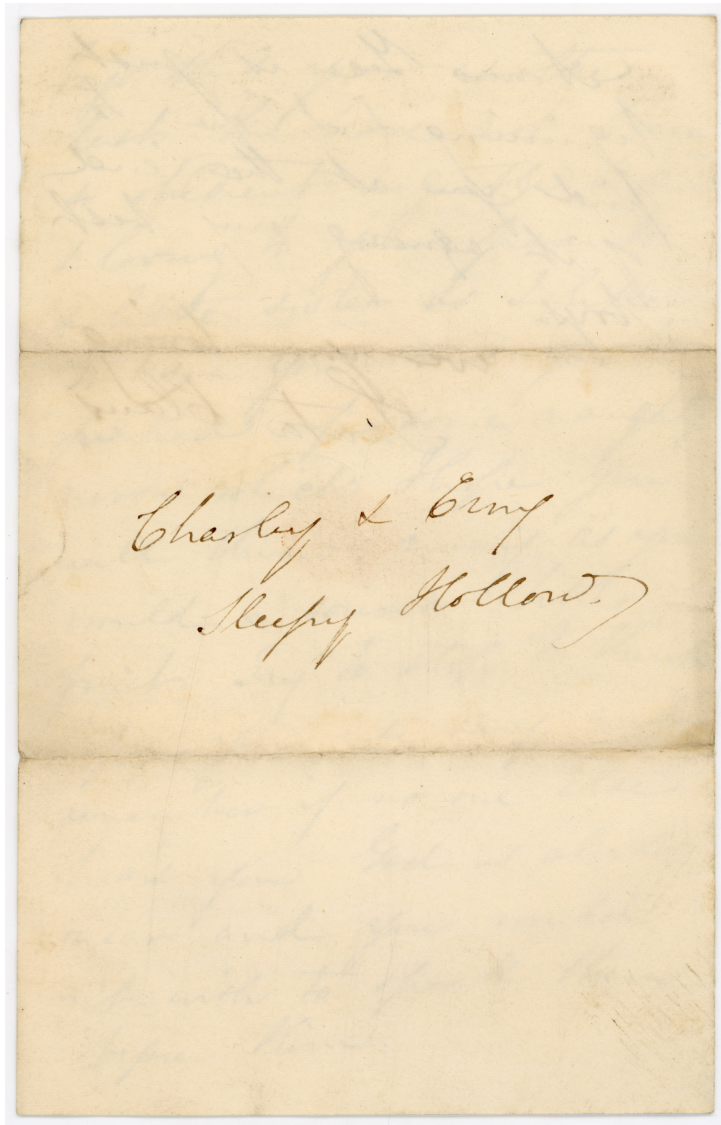
boys this year as the
last. You have not been
so obedient & gentle & kind
& loving to your parents
& little sister as I like
to have you, and you have
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A new year is just
beginning & I hope to
find you at the end
of it among my best
boys.

Ever your loving
Santa Claus



Charley & Erny

Sleepy Hollow