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Description: John Marshall Brown letter to his sister from Folly Island,
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as I have as yet no fire in my tent
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well I have fixed my tent, when it
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sketch of it.

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I enclose one for her and wish you
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Miss Rice & Miss Nelson; you may tell
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Portland. I should really have
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this short letter when I write again
you shall have no reason to
complain. Remember me kindly to
my few acquaintances at the hotel
and give my warmest love to
Father and Mother. I shall write
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Truly your loving brother
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