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Dear Annette: My I have not written you for a long time - How is my little girl by now? We surely miss you -

Mother writes us that you are getting along better in school now. That makes me feel so very proud of you. Keep trying hard and do every thing the teacher wants you to so you can learn faster.

You would have enjoyed the picture show Papa and I saw last week - It was a cartoon picture and started with a man sitting in front of the fire place in a little cabin at the edge of the woods playing his clarinet - He stopped playing and started to tell the story about his clarinet and his ~~grandmother~~ Grandfather - The grandfather was a cartoon figure - a little man with an ax over his shoulder - He was off to the woods to chop down trees - He chopped the trees with only a swing or two of his ax - Suddenly he chopped a tree that did not cut easily but when he touched it a blue light came from the tree and a voice spoke from the inside - He told the woodsman he was not an ordinary

tree but that he was to be something special. The little man started chopping again and his ax went so fast that before he knew it he had chopped all around the tree and up about two feet. Well he just could not understand why the tree did not fall down. When he looked he heard music coming from the tree and there to his amazement in the very center of the place where he had been chopping and standing upright was a clarinet. The clarinet jumped down and started hopping and dancing along the path and all the time music was coming from it. The little woodsman ran after it and when he caught it he was on the door step of the little cabin at the edge of the woods. He took the clarinet and went inside and sat by the fire and played the clarinet to his hearts content. It was then that the woodsman turned back into the man who had told the story and that ended the picture -

It is time to get dinner ready for Papa so I had better close -

Papa and I love you very much -

Be a sweet little girl for us won't you -

Love
Shanny