

Galena Ill Dec 18th
Dear children in Cuba
Jerrys letter came about
three days since and Georges
came yesterday We are so
glad to know that Less
trouble did not develop
a serious caries it is and
that the rest of you were
in fairly good health
All are well here We seem
to be standing the climate
quite well so far Are getting
some winter for the last
week or so ranging above
from a little below freezing
to to a few deg below or
There is not much snow
and the roads are quite
good now The lactus

of this ranch are in the
wash tub this morning up
to their - We think now
we may go to Marroa
early in Jan as we wish
to take Arsens treatment
for a while I think it-
helped mamas lung a
same I seem to be in
fair shape except - my feet
do not seem to be improving
any am not gaining any
weight have been troubled
same with a sort of sick
head ache but think I
am some better of that
I do not enjoy the cold
any better than I used to
mama thinks it is fine
when there is a good fire

Living expense is something
fierce here these days Anson
writes that lumber ^{prices} has
gone up so high that they
can not smell it any more
We are looking for all the
girls to be here sat night
before Christmas for a
week stay Herbert thinks
he can not leave his job
so will not come I am
quite busy these days doing
nothing Tinker same at
D. J. Motor track hospital
he has two motors now
The older one he traded in
last summer for a new
2000[#] machine and has
lately bought the old one a
1500[#] capacity machine

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so he has the two now
I have been helping to fix
it up The wiring had gone
bad and the Magneto was
on the bum and had to
have some parts replaced
this one is chain drive
The safety brake was rusted
so that it would not work
Have taken the back wheels
off changed sides with them
and cleaned the joints of
the brake cleaned and oiled
the driving chains The mag
has been repaired and the
Carburetor float shacked
so think it about ready
for business again Are
making a new set of wheel
chains now for slippery

roads think we may
finish them to day then
can try the job out I built
over a blower fan for a
no 6 keystone last week
so I have a little tinking
besides some stray jobs
around the house D J is
operating 5 machines now
and arranging to start one
more there is lots of the
prospect work here now
and the car brings big
prices We hope Clarence
may succeed in arranging
his family affairs to his
and the childrens best
interests and have written
him of our readiness to be
of any assistance we can
to help him out

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Tell the Morestates people
they have our sympathy
in their sickness and
bereavement and with them
hope for the best Give our
regards to any enquiring
friends. There we have
very little idea at present
what the future may have
in store for us but realize
that our best-working
days are past I do not
wish to quit work
entirely until it seems
necessary but do not think
I can use my feet much
unless I can get the trouble
relieved Hoping this may
find you all well and doing
well will close write often
H or Crosby