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Oriente - Pror

Carba

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Dear Sam

Jessy

Amount of 16 + 18

Just came to label last night  
Enclosed find bank paper with  
firm name attached I was of  
the opinion that my name only  
was required as I sign no checks  
for the Co We are both well and  
have been so busy Hope this may  
find all well there and business  
prospering I have been owing  
Howard for letter for some time  
but if he realised how very busy  
I am for every minute of the  
day Sunday included he would  
have some charity for my  
hops and skips Our day lasts  
from about 4 A M to some time  
in the night Had to go with the

plow and rick it most of the time  
for the last 100 acres broke on  
this place. The lags had to be  
sharpened every day. This took  
some 3 hours of time. This land  
is not much gravel but is a  
sort of hard gumbo that seems  
to cut steel very fast when it is  
dry and hard. The plowing season  
is just about done for this year.  
We have some two days yet on  
a job took near here. Then there  
is about 20 acres here on this place  
to even up and make about 200  
for wheat. Harvest is just at  
hand. Some are cutting new grain  
is rather poor and most is short  
to bind and some are going to  
use headers on that. Acct Geo  
has gone to Harstin (1200) to day  
on some business for Hanson  
so I have been raising sunet

with - same best fellows we  
have taken in of late Money  
seems very hard to get in  
this country Banks have about  
stopped making loans an acct  
of the Gov banet said so many  
depositors are taking their money  
from the banks and buying bonds  
Howan has managed to buy the  
machinery for breaking and  
send cash enough to get the  
gearing and a little grub stake  
but all that was last week  
he needs some 3000. yet to  
get the deal through so do not  
know at this writing where we  
may get off at We have been  
able to accumulate some 400 or  
500 on acct - but he has had  
nothing out of it to keep up

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family expenses at home the girls  
and their mother have kept  
things going there he has enough  
and him now so he could begin  
to pay out some and commence to  
live again if he can get his pay  
I am very desirous that this deal  
goes through with out a jolt as he  
has worked so hard to get on his  
feet again and seems enthused  
with the idea of being a Mant  
farmer I have very little idea  
what I may do or where I will  
turn up next if they should turn  
out to be a joke I have written  
Mama to go over and stay with  
Nelly for a while until I can  
see further I want you to try  
and get her money enough to  
get her a few clothes and to  
pay her board or at least her

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out expense to them This is about  
the first-time in our lives when  
we have seemed to be so near  
an charity I have not spent  
ten dollars since coming here  
had thought to be busy building  
by this time but see no show at  
present I want to do all I can  
to help Geo to get an a paying  
basis as this is all the way I can  
help him at present and all the  
help he really needs Regarding  
the coat I think it should be  
very acceptable I managed to rub  
through last-winter with an old  
one Hanson gave me to run the  
Auto with-but it is a trifle scanty  
for dress purposes I have been  
so in hopes to get an a wage  
basis this fall and stock up my  
wardrobe some time I have

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very little idea at present where  
I may winter when I mention  
going home to Cuba. Mama says  
all right I will go if you want  
me to but such a look came  
over her face that it is very  
evident she hopes I will not take  
her there I am a great Cuban and  
would rather be there than any  
place I know of Living expense  
here is something terrific out  
side of the necessary extra clothes  
~~and fuel a person needs a good~~  
income or a steady job to keep  
going Now must close and go to  
town with this The money  
arrangement mentioned I think  
will meet our requirements and  
will be so relieved to know that she  
has what she needs Regards to all  
Write often Your Father F W Crosby