



Mr. J. N. Crosby  
Bartle

Oriente Province  
Cuba-

Detroit-Mich. Aug 8. 1917.

Dear Jesse.

Yours and Howards

letters and check came yesterday and I thought perhaps I had better write to you and tell you about the last check I got from you in J.C. I kept it till the day before I left there. I had got others cashed there without any trouble but they wouldnt cash this one unless I would get a J.C. business man to go security on it. of course I couldnt do that in a strange place so brought it here and Nellie took it to their bank and they

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required her to leave twenty dollars  
of her money there for six weeks  
as security. Then yesterday after  
getting your letter saying you were  
short at the bank I thought I had  
better let you know about it right  
away. of course it will be a little  
late as the check was cashed here  
last Friday Aug 3. ~~rd~~. I hope it won't  
be any inconvenience to either you  
or the bank or Herbert's. I was all  
out of money and had to borrow to get  
over here when they refused to do  
it in Z.C. and would have let  
you know right away if I had  
known it was necessary -

and I will send in this a  
history of the note from you and  
you can see how it stands. The  
\$500 you gave Clarence for Christmas

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was the payment I couldnt remember  
and hadnt put down as paid as  
I had no word of whether you had  
given it to him or not. but think  
Geo. said you did so I have it  
down now and hope every thing  
is all straight. I am glad  
Howard seems to be such a help  
to you and hope he earns his  
100 a month and is worth that  
much to you and the business.  
He seems very much interested in  
the business and work there  
and am glad he is, on ~~Papas~~ account  
any way. Dont hope he wont get  
too much interested in the girls  
for his own good. I am glad on  
one account that he seems satisfied  
there. There is so much war talk  
here and urging young men of his

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age to enlist and picture it as only  
a pleasure trip that I feel rather glad  
he isn't here. I hear that Jack Knox  
is over there in the trenches now.  
I may not be very patriotic but I  
don't feel like some parents do -  
~~I don't feel as if I have any boys~~  
I want to send to Europe or any  
where else to fight. but one can't  
always tell what may happen some  
time. Do you think the Cuban  
trouble ended or will it break out  
again in the near future -

Well I hope you will keep well and  
safe and that all will work out in  
good shape for all parties concerned.  
Will close now hoping to hear from  
you again before very long. I won't  
need to use this check right away  
unless I get orders to move on to



Montana. Dillon sent me \$25.00  
and so I have now ~~30~~ thirty besides  
this last check. I guess you must  
think I am spending quite a lot just  
for myself - but I put in nearly all  
I had in J.C. to help Fannie to buy  
groceries and the other necessaries  
as Geo had not sent any at all  
home and Fannies wages alone  
would not keep up the whole  
things there. I would not have  
staid so long only to help out in  
that way. Olo said she was well  
enough to do her work and care  
for the kids so we decided to pull  
out as she isent a very pleasant  
person for some folks to live with  
and let her run it to suit herself  
if she can and I think it better  
this way even if we have to help

her some yet. I will be so glad  
when Papa gets ready to settle  
down again and be at home  
some where for I am rather tired  
of moving around and feel  
like I would like to be at home  
again some where. Papa seems  
to be feeling better than before he went  
west. but I am afraid it will be  
quite hard for him if he still puts  
in such long days they work from  
4 in the morning till 10 at night  
do their own house work washing  
and all. Well I guess this is quite  
a long letter so will get busy and  
quit. With love and best wishes  
to all. from  
Mamma

The note is dated Nov 15<sup>th</sup> 1915 -

Then there is a demand note of  
the same date for back interest  
for Forty five dollars and eighty  
three cents. \$ 45.83 . on interest -

Then there has been paid the  
following payments <sup>the</sup> on interest -

Nov 27.	\$ 5.00
two other payments	5.00
with out date	2.10
July 12. - 1916	10.00
May 28 - 1917	10.00
June 18 - 1917	10.00
July 16 1917	20.00
Christmas to Clarence <sup>1916</sup>	5.00
July 31 <sup>st</sup> 1917	50.00
Total	117.10



You did not say to put the last  
check of fifty dollars on this or  
not - if it is put on there it pays  
more than is due - so you can do  
as you like about that. put it on  
my account or Papas. I dont care  
which. I have it listed in here  
but do as you like about it and it  
will be all right with me. and then  
when you get it figured out if you  
have time to do it - if you will make  
a new note. then I will send this  
one back to you then I will try to  
be more particular about dates  
and try to keep it straight - you know  
I havent much of a business head

any way. you dont need to  
pay any compound interest-

If this isnt plain to you  
let me know and I will do  
the best I can to make it plainer

The climate up here is making  
me awful fat - have got clear up to  
124 lbs - how is that for living  
up here have gone from 141 to  
124 in about 14 months am

afraid the girls will each weigh more  
than I do if I keep on this way -

guess this is all for this time

dont you think it is time

for me to quit -

as ever your

Mother and

well wisher -