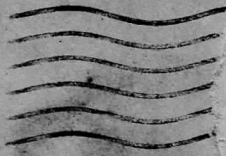


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Dear Sam  
and children in Cuba

Will pen a few lines  
to you while Mama + Bertha  
are gone to church this morning  
We are all in usual health and  
hope this may find all well in  
Cuba This is a peculiar climate  
here altho we are not far from  
the Canadian line it has been  
very mild and pleasant so far  
more like a Tenn winter The ground  
is scarcely frozen there has been  
quite a lot of snow but it only  
stays a few days No Blizzards and

no winds to drift-dry snow much  
We are very comfortable here  
do not have to go out for any  
thing but grab so think we had  
better be easy till spring there is  
not much doing in the building  
line now owing to the season and  
the trouble in starting new work  
at this time of year here it looks  
as though it might be lively when  
the season opens I was laid off  
from my job at the mill last  
week on acct of slack work  
I suppose this means idleness  
for me for a while as it is to  
late for last year and to early  
for this season I shall be much  
in need of say \$100<sup>00</sup> about the  
middle of Feb in fact will  
need about 100 a month until  
I can earn some again  
Bertha is very busy with her

P.S. The watch  
I think is going  
to prove a good  
time keeper have  
had it running  
all the time and  
think it is all  
the same I don't  
wish me going  
live a little but  
has been very  
reliable. I  
never stops and  
is dependable  
would you like  
to have it sent  
back there  
to or to

school and anxious to be earning  
her way. Suppose it may take  
her perhaps four months get to  
complete the course I want her to  
be very thorough with it and to  
be able to support a man if this  
should be her lot. George has not  
come west yet have not heard  
from him for quite a while. He  
sent blue prints with bill of material  
for a house to be built on the ranch  
at Toluca asking me to get figures  
on the material here this I have  
done and will send to him to day.  
There can be but little if any work  
done until spring opens the building  
and farm improvements is all to



Ansons Act The fall wheat  
prospects here are a little below  
the average according to reports  
It was uncommon dry at seeding  
time and continued so all the  
fall so wheat did not come up  
well I think the winter so far has  
been quite favorable for it. and the  
crop will depend largely on  
the weather conditions from now  
on as they frequently get good crops  
when it does not come up in the  
fall We have no idea at present  
what we may do after Berthas  
school is done but shall try to make  
my way at something here for a while  
or come back to Cuba soon Mamma  
says I want to see the kids there  
but suppose she would soon be lame  
away from the girls Hoping that my  
keep for a while may not be burdensome  
and to hear from you soon I am as ever  
your Father and well wisher  
F. V. Crosby