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Dear Jesse

I am sorry to have kept you waiting so long for an answer to your letter. The main cause for this delay has been the uncertainty of Herbert's condition. Since I wrote before, ^{he} has felt good enough to start 3 times for the office & each time before he got there I've had to rush him home & to bed because of that pain in his leg. X-Rays about 10 days ago shows contracted ligaments tendons where the muscles join the hip bone. The Dr. here thinks he might be facing another operation. However about 4 days ago he began feeling much better & went to Orlando for a check-up yesterday. They gave him a thorough examination & say the trouble is definitely clearing up & he will, or should, be O.K. real soon. They say it is a neuritis condition. He sure don't want any more operations & we hope neither you nor Ragin ever catch up with him on that score. There are some amusing things about it though to laugh about after it is over. Like somebody throwing rocks thru the window at you & Herbert for the last 3 days working so hard at his desk work. Sorting papers, writing reports

+ wanting explanations from some of the other help on some of the bills. He went thru all the motions, just like he was really doing it. ^{Talking to himself all the time.}

You mentioned having lumps from injection for malaria. I had 3 for the same reason in 1925 + still have 2 of them. The 3rd one, in 1938, became sore + inflamed + I went to the Dr. He examined it + said it was a scrypt. + to come back 2 days later + he'd lance it. I told him about the injection + he looked at me like he thought I was just plain lying. However, I think he used a hypodermic needle + when I left the office I asked him what he got out of it. He ~~he~~ said, "just plain old quinine, just like they put it in there." I wanted him to drain the others but he said unless they bothered me it was better to let them alone.

Am sorry about your headaches. They can sure get a person down. I used to have such awful ones but mine were mostly nerves + after I realized what it was + began to get my nerves under control they disappeared. They were ^{always} followed by an upset stomach but the ^{original} cause was nervous tension. Worry last week

over Herbert isn't one pretty close,

I haven't heard any more about George so guess they didn't get down this way. I wrote to Floyd + asked him to come down to see us but haven't heard from him yet.

It is hard to realize Lula is 17 already. Time sure flies. I really just can't realize that we, (shall I say old folks?) are as far along in years as we are. If I wasn't any older than your ^{49 year old} Cuban friend I believe I'd feel like a "Spring chicken." And when I think about your age + the real labor attached to your move to Santa Lucia + back I think it was marvelous that you could do it.

I just haven't been able to get down to Orlando to check on the information about Jananita's ^{entry} over here. But I don't imagine there would be anything any different from what you got over there. Any way I don't think it of enough importance to hold up her plans about coming. And as far as I know now, (I mean about Herbert's condition) it will be alright for her to come on when she is ready. I'd sure love to go to Miami to get her + if Herbert keeps on improving + gets back to work so I can sew, I just might be able to do so tho it

would probably be only to meet her at the Bus Station if Mrs. Roberts can get her that far. I wrote Lorina about the 1st of April + told her about her coming + that you were asking Mrs. R. to see her thru Miami; Mar. R. it seems has had quite a bit of bad luck the past few months + Lorina wondered if she would be physically able to do so. She is still teaching + shortly after school opened last Fall she fell in the school room + broke her foot + had quite a time with that + recently has had an emergency appendix operation + Lorina said she heard that Mr. R. is no longer able to drive. Does she know ~~Ex~~ Chris Fredericks who used to be around Jimmie + Bartle? I think he bought Mrs. Streets ranch. He is in Miami + not doing anything. Lorina tho' if Mrs. R. couldn't do it that Chris would be glad to. He comes up this way occasionally + was out to see Ragin not too long ago. His address is J.C. Fredericksen P.O. Box 742, Miami 5, Fla. Lorina also mentioned Fred Smith's prospective trip to Miami + told me that "Pete's" girl (I guess she means Pete Green) had been wanting so long to come over here to them + "needing help as much as she does now she

sure wished she had her."

Esther had the flu & didn't get to come home Easter & won't have another chance to come until school is out in August. Her sinus condition is clearing up, up there & she thinks because of that, if for nothing more, she will stay up there another year.

Am afraid you're tired of this "prattle" so I'll let you rest. Let me know how things are going. I sure wish you were all coming.

Love as always

Nell.

What about Frank? I usually hear from him at Xmas. but didn't this year.