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My dear Papa;

Have you forgotten the last request I made of you, when I said good-bye at the depot - or don't you intend granting me that favor, of writing now and then?

I'm sure if you knew how much pleasure letters from you all, give me, you would not begrudge me the time spent in writing a few lines once in a while?

If you were in
a foreign country
with your friends
to make you feel
at home, perhaps
you would appre-
ciate attentions from
your own family
as much as I
do. At any rate,
it is consoling to
feel that they think
of you once in a
blue-moon - because
you realize, when
you are in a
strange country, of
how little importance
you are to the world.
Although I have
nothing to complain

of in regard to my
treatment down there.
Everyone I have met
has been very kind
to me. Nevertheless
I miss my good
friends, and probably
shall for some time
to come.

Mr and Mrs Hull
are uniting in
their efforts to make
things pleasant for
me.

Judge and Mrs
Sepulveda have been
taking more interest
in me of late. At
first I didn't
think they were
showing much

inclination to be
friendly - however
of late they have
lead me to believe
otherwise. They
sent me a note
to an entertainment
last week - and
today I was invited
to their home to
dine and meet
the U. S. Minister, -
Gen. Ransome, who
"swore eternal friend-
ship" before I left.
He is a very lively
old chap - and a
great ladies' man.
He very kindly asked
Jude Sepulveda to
bring me down

to his office, so that
 he could introduce
 some of his American
 friends. The Judge
 is also going to
 see that I have
 an introduction to
 the president.

I received Maria's
 letter telling me that
 you and she did
 not think it best
 for me to go to the
 Portugal family -
 but I felt, unless
 I could find
 another family
 that would take me,
 I had better go
 while I had the offer
 open to me - so

I went around at
once and consulted
Mrs Sepulveda about
the matter. She
strongly advised
me not to go
to them, but to
wait, and she would
try and find me
a better place. She
has many friends
among the Mexicans
as well as the
Americans, so I
don't think she will
have much trouble
in getting me a
home in a
Mexican family.
She says she thinks
I would be much

more contented if
I could go into
a family where
there are daugtters -
and I agree with
her, as they would
be company for me.

Mrs Portugal pro-
fessed to be greatly
disappointed when
I told her I could
not come to her -
she said she would
have furnished that
bed-room for me,
but didn't feel
that she could
at present. The
fact of the matter
is, I think they
are very close; as

mama expressed
it - "shin-shints" -

The old lady threw
her arms around
me in a most
affectionate manner
when I left, and
presented me with
two nicely-bound
Spanish dictionaries,
with the kind wish
that I would come
and see her often.

She is going to
visit her daughter
in the country for
a couple of months
and she says, when
she returns, she wants
me to come and
go out driving with

her in her carriage
 frequently. I hope
 she is sincere in
 her invitation, but
 the trouble, these
 Mexicans do more
 talking than acting.
 I take very little
 stock in what they
 say. I am going
 to continue the lessons
 with young Portugal,
 until I go into a
 Mexican family, as
 it is splendid practice
 for me, as well as
 for him. He is
 a nice gentlemanly
 fellow, and it is
 a pleasure to teach
 him. I only give

time are Louis's lessons,
and half that time
we translate Spanish
into English. I find
I am picking up
the language very
rapidly.

I give the Will
children a music
lesson every morning,
and have to get
up at half past
six sharp, in order
to get their lesson
in before they leave
for school, so you
can tell Mamma that
I don't think I
am getting my
board for nothing.
I have not sent

or presented my letter
of introduction to
Gen. Guisby yet,
but shall do so soon.

I have been told
that they did not
have much of a
position here socially,
but it won't hurt
me to call on them.

If one goes
to amusements in
this City, they have
to break the Sabbath,
for all the festivities
come on that day.

Last Sunday all
of us in the house,
attended the Spanish
ball game and
it was the most

exciting game I have
seen in many a day

The enormous building
was crowded to the doors.

The players were
professionals just
out from Spain -

and they certainly
did some marvellous
basket-ball throwing

The other evening
we visited the Paroli

or gambling house
and that was also

an interesting sight

Of course I am
anxious to see

everything that is
to be seen, so you
must not be shocked
at my going to there

places - for all tourists
take them in, you
know -

Please tell Mamma
I have received
all the papers she
says she sent me,
and am very glad
to have them to
read. Every after-
noon I have to lie
down and rest, as
I tire very easily in
this climate. Perhaps
after I have been here
longer it won't effect
me so - I am

feeling very well -
I'm worried about
Mamma though -
I wish you would

insist upon her
resting more, - and
keep her out of that
old garden! The
doc. says the exercise
is not good for her.
I see by her writing
that she has no
nerves left.

I was vaccinated
the other day, but
am afraid it is
not going to take.

Mr. Cotton left
before I preached here,
but I hear he is to
return soon again -
and if he does, I
shall send him my
card.

I went to a concert

last evening, given
for the benefit of
the Episcopal church,
and heard some
very good music.

A Mexican stringed
quartette played
most beautifully,
and then there
was some very good
vocal - and instru-
mental music we
heard during the
evening.

The only way I
think I can get
pupils here is to
go around to the
different houses
and ask for them.
Mess Palmer had

to do so, in Lane
Lins, when she first
made her appearance
there, and I think
I shall have to do
the same - if I
want to be success-
ful.

I have not been
to a bull-fight yet,
but I intended going
if it kills me.

Please give my
love to the Mrs.
Spaffords and Mr.
Palmer.

I wish
they would write me
first, and not wait
for me.

Hoping that I may
hear from you soon.