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Dear Mary,

It has been so long since I wrote you that I am almost ashamed to begin now but still it is better late than never.

We were all disappointed that you and Louis did not decide to come East and at least try for a while. Louis might like it better here than he thinks and you would all have a better way of living and the chance to give you children a better future. But of course you must each decide for yourself. We cannot do much for you as long as you are out there but would help you all we could if you were here.

Papa's death was very unexpected and a great shock to all of us. Mamma is still keeping her home and I dare say will want to keep it for a few years yet. I am hoping she will close the house and live with me next winter. Papa left everything to Mamma in his will so that she will have enough as long as she lives to keep her in comfort.

John has gone back to Germany. He was married while here. His wife is a teacher in a private school and will join him in May when her school closes. She is visiting me now.

I am going to spend Easter with Mamma and if possible persuade her to return here with me for a visit.

Hope you and Louis have good luck this summer and get along more comfortably. Give my regard to Mrs. Stubblefield and all the people I met out there.

With love, Aunt Carrie