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Miss Laura Gilpin
317 Cheyenne Road
Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Miss Gilpin:

Your note and the package containing the two blankets came simultaneously. It was nice to hear from you and learn that you are still in the land of the living as it seems such a long time since you last dropped in on us.

Both the blankets possess points of interest from our angle and are different from anything we now have. Although the design of the larger one appears to represent a somewhat older style, bayeta was used in weaving both specimens. The smaller is unusual because of the use of two shades of indigo dye. In fact it would be hard to make a choice. It goes without saying anything farther that we will be most grateful indeed to add either or both to the Stewart collection. Mrs. Stewart is always doing nice things in a most unexpected way.

For blankets containing bayeta I do not think the price is at all exorbitant for articles in their class. At one time they would have had a value of from two to three times the amount mentioned.

And now for a word about your two blankets that we have stored here. It may be possible that a modest sum will be made available by a friend for a purchase of material and if it is enough we would like to consider the purchase of one of these. Wish we could swing it for both. Perhaps it would be better to keep this last to yourself because of the prospective gift from Mrs. Stewart.

Again I want to thank you for your continued interest and trusting that something may bring you down this way again, I am

Sincerely,

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