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I want to go to Matamoros again  
 the Major has promised to take us  
 over the morrow. I am going to buy  
 some linen. you never heard of such  
 bargains. a very fine piece what we would  
 pay 1.50 a yard for we can get a width  
 of 40 yds for <sup>#</sup>16 in specia. we buy specia at  
 .75 cents. a heavier web of 32 yds for <sup>#</sup>12.  
 dont you think that splendid it is a  
 great deal cheaper than cotton. I paid  
 three and sixpence a yard for cotton  
 in Specia. Mrs Plato got herself half  
 a dozen towels for 3.50 little ones 50  
 cents a piece. they are a great deal  
 larger and better than those I paid  
 a dollar a piece for when I was married.  
 some things are very cheap there others are  
 dead not get these handsome french cabinet  
 robes for 3.00 a pattern and linen lawns  
 are very reasonable.  
 Well Mother I have wrote you quite a long  
 letter, now I think you might answer me  
 right away and tell me all the news  
 how hard you have to work and under  
 what difficulties to labor. in fact tell me  
 all about you and the rest at home

Do you have those awful headaches any more. and how  
 is your health in general. No and get rugged and  
 busy as usual and good  
 health and affairs  
 again say all  
 of months to see  
 my Band. But  
 the thing about  
 as much about  
 going East that  
 you are it - you  
 are by myself  
 good by  
 Affectionately  
 Yours  
 Aced.

Here searching for the assassins -  
 Sunday Morning April 8<sup>th</sup>  
 Manuel says the  
 "Cifintou" is off the bar at Brazos, so  
 must finish this up and write  
 what other letters that I want to finish  
 after noon for she will probably leave  
 tomorrow or next day. the mail she  
 brings to me poor thoughtless mortals  
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 I wish there could be half a dozen  
 long letters from home for me -  
 That shooting affair that other night  
 did not amount to a great deal.  
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 men, but our folks don't stay out  
 very much after dark now days and  
 don't think Lodge is worth going to  
 any more. there were three of the  
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 so dark they could not distinguish

anything. it was cold and raining  
so they had their ambulance curtains  
all buttoned down. it was like being  
in prison. the two shots fired at them  
were sent in the front of the ambulance  
they saw the flashes, but was driving  
so fast that they were passed them  
before they hardly realized it. Mr Butts  
(Chief Clerk to the Post Master where we used to live)  
was on horse back and about fifty  
yards behind them when he came up  
they threw the lead at him just  
grazing his hat and shoulder. he said  
he saw two men, one on each side  
of the road he fired at them right  
and left, and went on to town  
to the Provost Marshall's office, and  
then they all came back to us, for  
they knew we would hear the shots  
and be frightened. the distance from  
here to town is about three quarters  
of a mile. the first quarter from

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Mexicans <sup>generally</sup> but it was a bold thing  
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where they were concealed. the night  
was just right for it; it deadened  
the sound of the pistols so we did  
not hear them at all, our darkies  
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but could not use it they were spelt  
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town the first of next month I think  
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building for him. I don't know  
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can do well by staying. I do not mind  
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Affectionately yours  
Acca L.