

May 1, 1984

Dear Sarah:

What a nice surprise, to get a letter from you to start the month of May.

Your letter of 24 (postdated) April said that you had paid \$30.00 for the tablecloth, and the package I received said the postage was 7.10. This is a total of 37.10 for the tablecloth.

As of March 1, 1984 you owed me \$27.77.

With the tablecloth plus the postage	37.10
minus what you owe me	<u>27.77</u>

I owe you	9.33
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You did not say how much the dress you are shipping me cost. Please ALWAYS tell me how much whatever you sends cost you. I will assume that it cost 18. and with the shipping, it will probably come to about 20 or so.

Since I do not want to hold you up on getting the batting, I will assume I owe you 29.33 and send you materials and batting for that amount.

Sarah, I do not think it is wise for me to send material for a large quilt as you can get beautiful quilt material there in Harare. It is cheaper there than I can get it for here and ~~it's~~ you don't have to pay postage for it. Remember the African Agency? They had beautiful materials, 60 inches wide. And lovely plain materials to match. Go early in the morning before the rush, and you may have to go several mornings in a row before you find just what you want. Have sister Swallowwell help you figure how much material you need.

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I still haven't found anyone to make me samples of the snowflakes for Christmas decorations which I would like you to contract out for me.

During the week of May 1st, I sent you two batts, and then we got so involved that I did not get anything else sent. I did, meanwhile, get the dress. A cotton.

The crocheting was beautiful, but it was a dress to fit a large woman, and I specifically asked you to send me dresses to fit the younger girls. Like college girls. I thought if you would fit them on Julie they would probably be all right. The girls do like them to be a little full and not skin-tight, but they should fit their arms and busts, which should be no larger than 34 inches. (Bust measure). The larger women here think the dresses make them look too fat and I have no market for them.

Since I have the package now I can give you a more accurate figure: The value you placed for the dress was 8 dollars, but I have allowed you for the dress

....\$18.00	
Postage\$4.60
	<u>\$22.60</u>

What I owed you from previous page
for tablecloth + postage with what you
owed me for the material deducted

	<u>9.33</u>
Total I owe you	31.93 (32.00)

Sent during week of May 1st. 2 Batts at 7.33

Each	\$14.66
Batt shipping cost	6.40

One That's my Baby, front and back plus	7.00
4 yards ruffling at 59 cents yard	2.50
Plus air mail postage	<u>4.06</u>

Total	<u>34.62</u>
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Total value sent you	<u>34.62</u>
Total I owe you.	31.93

total you owe me 2.69

This is so small, forget it. Consider us even again.
The batts will be Package numbers 5 and six and the airmail one

The batts I have sent to you are queen size, so for a full size quilt you may have to trim it some, but I found a pretty good buy. The next ones will cost more money. The next cheapest queen size batt, as a matter of fact was almost nine dollars. One of these batts will make 6 baby quilts if you cut them like I told you too in one of my mother letters. You can use the cut-off batting for making baby quilts, etc.

Enough about business. But first. If you want me to send you material for a pieced quilt, using tiny dark prints which are so popular, I can, but it would be quite expensive. The material costs 4.50 per yard and you would need ten yards. For a full size bed. The material is 45 inches wide. Then there would be the shipping which would cost about 6.20, (a guess). Unless you want to piece a quilt, I really think some of the small prints available in your 60" materials at African Agency would be nicer, especially if you plan to tie the quilt instead of doing regular quilting (a running stitch by hand). I wish you could come over here for a month, or I could come back there for a month or so. Maybe if there are missionary couples in Harare the woman can help you learn how to do regular quilting and how to piece a quilt. These are the most beautiful. a nice pieced quilt, using the small dark prints, along with lighter prints and a solid or printed back would bring \$300. or more dollars if done nicely and quilted by hand. I saw one here, full size, which was priced \$350. and it might bring more in Harare where it is difficult to get the batting and material. These small dark and bright prints are 7.00 a yard (meter) in South Africa, but are available at the large department stores and at the Indian market where I told you you could get batting in Johannesburg.

The last week I did not finish sending you the materials because we have had flooding on our small farm in Payson where Elder Finch lives. We have had to be out there filling sand bags and trying to keep the house from being flooded. We wished we could send you some of the surplus water.

You will get the batts by surface mail and they probably won't arrive until July, but I am sending the baby quilt top and back by airmail so you should get it by the time you get this letter. I am writing this on the 21st of May.

The Saints here have been praying to the Lord to temper the weather around the world so that suffering from lack of water and too much water, and earthquake, and tornado etc. will be moderated so that there will not be so much suffering.

We have been home almost a year now. We still think of you all and love you and hope you will all hang in there and serve the Lord and keep being faithful and true. The Church is true and will bless the lives of its members more than anything. You are the first generation in the church from your people. By the third generation, there are usually chapels, good leadership, good literature, and sometimes even temples. In South America in some places this has all come about in one generation. Hope it does there.

If you send me anything else, remember, young girl (18 to 21 years, slim.) Like Julie was when we were there. Or Ephanes Chaya. Maybe these girls have become larger sizes by now. In U.S. sizes, these would be women's sizes 10, 12. and Maybe 14. But no larger. They can be in different lengths, but I have quite a few really tall ones, so the averages ones (about the length of the dress you sent me this time) are the best. I could use colored children nylons, light pink, light blue, light yellow, in sizes from about 4 to 14. (children's sizes). In Nylon.. Also children's sizes in the soft cotton thread sizes 4 to 12. Be sure the neck is large enough to go over the head of a child. I have several (not from you) that won't go over a child's head.

Love you,

Sister Hall