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The Rev. Arthur R. Gray D. D.
New York.

Dear Dr. Gray.

I am glad to know, that "Piggy" is useful to you as well as to Elias, and I am sure, that you will enjoy enclosed picture, showing our New World School children and their pets: "Piggy" and Bill. Since taking this picture, I took one more little girl. The child needed a home, our home needed a matron and America needed a little companion. Demetrea had to leave, because of her own baby's arrival this month, and we faced a serious problem, which we solved, by taking a very good girl of about 24 yrs old, who was taking care of Abadeza, our new little girl. Hard times made it necessary to find another home for the little girl, because her aunt could not longer take care of her. One day she spoke to me about her difficulty and asked me to help her find a home and I arranged with her to come and bring the little girl along. The arrangement has been very satisfactory so far. She makes a splendid matron and America is happy with her new playmate.

I am trying to "do my bit" not only as a censor, but also by some little inventions. One is a Food and War saving Propaganda game entitled: "Uncle Sam's Helpers". I have sent it up to a Patent lawyer in Washington and hope to be able to get it patented and manufactured. I will then not only have helped a good cause, but likely get some cash ^{for our trip to Holland} after the war. Should it happen, that I could not patent it for some reason or another, I would make it in some way of use. As soon as I hear from the lawyer, I can decide. I may even come before difficulties in which I would take the liberty of asking your advise. The other invention is a double envelope. I received an enclosed letter in regard to it, so that I think I'll get the patent some day. The envelope is in different sizes and can be used, either as a correspondence envelope for enclosing letters, and still making the enclosures like private letters, saving postage at the same time, and also for collection envelopes. A multiplication table game for the tables 1-12 I am not yet sure about, altho mine is quite different from the existing one. If I am successful you will hear from me and I am sure the mission at "El Coto" will notice it too. We just started a new S. I in Guayana's and need benches etc.

Yours very sincerely
Mary Froste.