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My dear Mr. Ayres,

Very few of the old Spanish books we have are illustrated and on pictures, this last is a history of the army of Spain many years ago. I looked it over for you not long ago and that is very pretty. I am not sure of the colors on a blue ground and a yellow castle flag. This book also contains some colored pictures of various dates including two most curious pictures of the 17th century one has very full trousers of yellow, red trimmings and the neck and a queer cap of yellow and red, the other is of a soldier in a uniform with a Spanish sword.

Dear Miss Wilson:

Thanks for your letter of the 30th. I am writing the Hispania-American Society, N. Y. thanks to your statement about that society. We have been for years trying to get the old shapes of shields and the old royal banners in colors. I am also interested in those pictures you refer to of Spaniards in colored uniform.

The cut of the oldest house is to be used in a larger book of historical information. We are finding it slow work, however, trying to get the historical story satisfactorily researched and written covering the whole southern borderland country as a whole.

I am very hopeful I will be over there before very long.

Sincerely,

Herral Ayres.
OST Managing Director.

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I have had relations with me, so have not been and we are leaving tomorrow for a ten days trip. Underwood, assistant Librarian could show anything we have if you come before I return. Thank you for the travels. I note that the cut of the oldest House is not in it, I suppose it will be in the larger book. We shall of course want a copy of the fifty cent book when published.

Hoping that I shall be here when you come this Spring and you will find our library of much interest.

John Philip Beard, 2/11/28