

Plant City Dec. 27 - 1917

Dear Marguerite and Linn,

We have to thank you for all things you were so kind to send us for Christmas, we appreciate it very much, as everything is so useful and nice and mama is just delighted and look over and over again with a smile. We sent you our old basket we bought at Jacksonville 4 years ago. The cluster you found in it, is a present for 'our daughters' from a neighbor it is from the farm I told you about previously, they sold 500 boxes of oranges at \$2.¹⁰, oranges must be high in the north but mama and me eat never so many all the life. The cold we had 2 weeks ago was not so bad and no citrus trees or fruit was hurt only some vegetables suffered and the strawberry blooms. New blooms are on and the parties that covered the plants have some few ripe boys berries. We saw some last Sunday as big as a walnut. I will plant some more cabbage next week and I expect to plant about one acre Sea Island Cotton, and perhaps as much Castor beans as the Government will contract for the Castor beans at \$3 per bushel (60 pounds)