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Senorita Doña Angélica Palma
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My dear Friend:

For fourteen years past the undersigned has been writing the annual article on Spanish Literature in the New International Year Book. The administrators of the New International Year Book plan, for this present year to attempt the experiment of running a caption called Spanish-American Literatures, and they have asked me to prepare that article along the same lines as those that have been followed in the articles on Spanish Literature. They are doing this deliberately in an effort to recognize the more cultural aspects of Spanish-American life, since they have, already, for some years past, been running individual articles concerning each of the Spanish-American countries. The last Year Book, for example, carried approximately sixty columns of material on the nineteen Hispanic-American countries.

You realize, of course, that I am very anxious to make this experiment so successful that the administrators of the Year Book will wish to continue it. It is, however, very difficult for me to get Spanish-American books promptly, and so I am appealing to you in order to see if it may not be possible that, through your kind ministrations, your authors will send me promptly any books that they produce. I have never been willing to write articles concerning books that I have not in hand. The manuscript for a given Year Book must be turned in to the printers by the first of February of the year following. You realize, of course, that this gives me very little time for marshalling my material.

Respectfully yours,

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