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Love is well Yours truly W L



[1868-08-21; letter from William Crowell to his brother, probably Aaron Jr.:]  
New York Aug 21 1868

Dear Brother

Samuel before he left for East wanted I should write you to make or have made one hundred Boxes to put cranberries in. we want the Boxes to hold one bushel, made very Strong with a middle apartment down the middle; a piece put in same as the Ends. We intend to ship these as an Experment acrost land to California so they need to be well nailed and slots not far apart. I would like to have them made after the pattern of Barnabas Dowens, he maks them the best shape. You will see Samuel soon at the Cape, and talk it over with him I think common laths will answer to make them of. dont let any one know what we are to do with them for if we succeed others will do the same. All well, nothing new Levitt is well

Yours Truly  
W C

If you cannot do this get some one to  
Now the thought has just come to my mind When I was at home Persis asked if she could get at times some Cranberries to use in her family to pick when green. I told her to do so, so you will let the children get some if Persis wants them



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