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Letter from Germany
To W. H. Cherry
Chemnitz, 29 June 1923

Dear Sir,

I found your address printed on a bale of cotton. I allow myself to describe the miserable conditions in which I have to live with my 5 member household here in Germany. My earnings are not enough to purchase food for my family. We are hungry and we feel very cold, because I cannot buy one pair of shoes, clothes or underwear which we need very much. I lost my courage because I don't know what lies ahead for us. One dollar equals 150,000 Marks. There is no hope for improvement. One pound margarine costs 25,000 Marks, one pound meat at 23,000 Mark, one pound sugar at 5,000 Mark, four pounds of bread at 4,000 Marks.

In my great despair I come to you and ask you for your support for my family.

Cordial regards, your Erich Meinhold and Family,
Chemnitz, Saxony,
Neukirchner Strasse 6, Germany

This bale no. 653 was bought by Ernst Fritsche on December 18, 1922 as good middling.

W. H. Cherry, Agt