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My dear Mrs. Tougers—

It pains me on my return to find your letter making a modest request of me which I am unable to grant, & I am earning a good deal of money but it is very hard collecting now and my money goes faster than it comes. Aside from my own family I have many relatives who make continual and driving demands upon me & besides my heart gets the better of my judgment often and my purse suffers

in consequence: for instance I  
backed Mr. Matthews in '89  
with loans to the amount  
of upwards of \$2000. hard earned  
money that I shall never  
see again because of his  
subsequent misfortunes -  
I might tell you more of my  
foolish acts, which, after all,  
I do not wholly regret because  
I do not want to become a  
mere money getter with a "2 by  
3 soul" & I know these so called  
foolish acts have often done much  
good - so I am content. Still, starting  
with less than nothing - and  
working in this way alone I  
am not rich but poor and  
expect to continue &

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If Mrs. Moot was not a  
better manager than I, and  
had not a little of her own,  
I do not know how it  
would end, probably well  
however. All this I write  
in confidence to you  
because I think your  
modest request entitled  
to this explanation. I am  
nearly always behind, am  
so now - otherwise you  
would surely receive a check  
herewith. When can you see  
you and the Judge, both will  
wish to see all - Hastily your friend Moot

N.B. See Appoyant Nov. 10 - 1901 -  
for explanation and correction.

To:  
Mrs. E. H. Thompson,  
Mayville, N.Y.