

Brooklyn, Jan 13. 1891

Dear Mrs. Fougée:

It is one o'clock at night — and yet it is the best chance I have had lately to drop you a line — which you will understand when I tell you that I have had unusual pressure on my time, of business, of Church work, and of the circumstance of the presence in town for a few days only, before spending the winter in the South, of the lady I have just become engaged to. The last words will give you to understand why I have particularly wanted to drop you the line. I

Could not let such good friends as you and the Judge go longer without learning of what I am sure will interest you very much indeed.

Yes, I have gone and done it at last — and am as happy as a man can possibly be, over the winning of the most delightfully winning woman I ever have known. Some time you must know her, and join with all my friends in their unqualified enthusiasm over the event. She is Miss Katharine Vail, with her home in Washington, Conn., where we have spent our summers recently — though formerly at Brookville. All my friends know her well,

and are very fond of her,  
and they unite in regarding  
me a most fortunate  
man.

I know you will con-  
gratulate me most heartily.  
With affectionate regards  
for you both -

Faithfully Yours,

Wm Howard

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