

Mayville, N. Y. October 17th, 1907.

Thursday p.m.

Dear Mr Flagler:

I have been wanting to see Mr Skinner for some time and will not have returned before I leave Mayville for the winter. I am making known my wants to you. Mr Skinner has dealt personally with me for so many years, and knows my inclination and ability to pay debts if contracted, is the reason I wished to see him. But perhaps you will do as well.

We have been relying for the means to get out the new edition of "Button's Inn" on some insurance money which has been in litigation for nearly two years and we have been informed that it is not likely to be decided for some time yet, as the Company are delaying it because if decided in our favor, it would establish a precedent which they do not wish to be brought to the fore in the present disturbed conditions of insurance matters. Now, because of this, I want to borrow of the bank in Westfield, \$1000. to be left in the bank on deposit to draw from as we may have need of it. For this I would give my note for one year, and as security the contract for Button's Inn, which was assigned to Mr Skinner, when the book was first published. I suppose he has it yet. I would turn in for payments on the note all the proceeds of the book. It is not likely these would represent \$1000. in one year, but I have other means from which I might be able to save something also to pay on it. I have rented my house furnished in Washington, which brings me in \$500. a year, and I get that sum from rents on my property here and my pension of

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a little over \$200. a year. As the daughter's health will not permit of her remaining in the North during the winter we have decided to go to Nassau, (Bahamas) by December 1st, and this added expense makes the outgo necessary, rather more than the income, taken with the expense of getting out the book which of course, must be all in cash.

I have no incumbrances whatever on any of my property anywhere, not --and have enough, I think, to make the borrowing of \$1000. a risky thing for the lender.

I would like to hear from you as soon as you have considered the matter.

Believe me, Mr Flagler,

Sincerely yours,