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Mayville, N. Y. August 6th, 1908.

Thursday p. m.

Dear Mr Cipperly:

I have your note with enclosures.

I think the decision of Messrs Fischer & Scofield about allowing my bill against the Electric Light Company extremely unjust. Why should I pay for damages to my property caused by the public service for which at best, I pay a very high rate? I am sure that in law the Company would be held liable, but of course this is a small matter, not worth the controversy. However, I will consult Mr Moot about it the next time I see him. It only happened that this was not a much more serious accident. I was sitting under the light when with a great explosion the bulbs were broken and the red hot glass thrown all about the room, one piece coming on my head, burning my hair, and another larger one falling on the rug, which if I had not been there to brush it off immediately, would have irretrievably ruined one of my expensive Oriental rugs. Now, I am supposed to be liable to all this loss and injury from the public service and have no redress. Very well. I will immediately proceed to ascertain if my house cannot be illuminated in a safer manner. I am of the opinion that Messrs Fischer and Scofield will lose more than the amount of my claim against the Electric Light Company and may wish they had seen fit to allow my bill.

As to the .50 cents "additional" tax, I am no wiser about it than before. I would like to know why and wherefore I am assessed after I have paid my taxes, and what assessment this is and by what right it is made?

Sincerely yours,

— E. H. J. —