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My dear Mrs. Souquet,

I must have departed from Washington the day you arrived there, had I known of your intended visit I should have remained to see you. I was in the city nearly four weeks.

I am very sorry for poor Kati and I trust your hopes regarding her improvement and ultimate benefit may prove true.

Regarding the orchard I will send up manure enough to thoroughly mulch each living tree, I am also willing to have the dead trees cut down and piled up in one place whence you can have them cut to suit your furnace or grates.

You know how very much run down all the land is, it occurred to me that no hay is so cheap, being worth now only \$2.00 per ton or \$1.50 delivered that you would gain by having your stack of hay, 1/3 of which is probably only fit for bedding scattered over the two lower fields & plowed in. I on my part am willing, in case you conclude to do this, to haul up barn yard manure to scatter with it & plow in with it.

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The barn yard manure will help to rot the hay rapidly and together they would prove of great benefit. I intend to plow up and seed down to timothy and clover. The two lower fields, the lower one next the road is so infested with Mustard or yellow trefoil that the hay this year would be valueless, the field next above has not been reseeded in years and it demands it. You know when we seed down we always run commercial fertilizers in the drill & sow it with the seed. Hence if we put the hay & manure and the phosphate in addition we shall be assured of a fine stand of clover & grass.

Let me know your decision on this matter of the hay at once, as we wish to begin plowing soon but the first good weather.

Please extend my sympathy and good wishes to Lulu with my hope for her speedy and complete recovery.

Bessie resides at 1502 Kingman Place N.Y.C.

Trusting you are enjoying good health and that your affairs may all prosper I am as ever

Yours
L. Jennings