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314 Riverdale Ave.,
Yonkers, New York,
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Mrs. Emma K. Tourgée,

Thorheim, Mayville, New York.

Dear Madam:

Again and again since your letter came have I thought of it, pictured the pleasant situation of Mayville and been particularly happy in the kindly sympathy your letter expressed in our country interests and hopes. I met my country partner, Miss Maud Brockwell, in the city yesterday and talked over our plans. It seems to us that our situation will be more plain if I tell you in detail just how we have worked it out. I hope you will pardon a very long letter if written in print.

"Our firm," Miss Brockwell and myself, hope finally to have a country cottage and a couple of acres of land and to support ourselves there by raising chickens and perhaps bees and mushrooms and other things. We have at the outside five hundred dollars capital, and not seeing how on that we can get a place and support ourselves until returns come in, we think that we must rent one to begin with and that one member of the firm must have work, say at stenography or tutoring, which will bring in money for running expenses. So our plans require that we should be within reachable distance of a market for our country cottage produce and also near a large town or little city.

where one of us can find a position. Miss Brockwell is an Englishwoman, educated in England and France and now teacher of French in a private school near New York. I am a Wellesley graduate and among other things have been a stenographer in New York City and later secretary to some well-known people.

Our initial expenses in country life we estimate in this way:--\$100 for rent of cottage and land for one year, \$200 for all household furnishing, \$100 for stock and \$100 for all other expenses, such as traveling to the country and an initial provision of food for ourselves and the hens.

As you have so generously offered us assistance in our search for nature, and if your house and lot, two houses from Thorheim, is to let at a price available to us, I wish very much that you could tell me these two things: Whether there would be a market for our eggs and chickens in Mayville, Chautauqua or Jamestown all the year round and which could be reached without great difficulty; and if there are opportunities for stenographic work or tutoring, if not in Mayville or Chautauqua, in Jamestown, and if the latter place can be reached by train in the morning and return at night.

These may be questions which you will be perplexed to answer exactly. But I should like to know if you think it very, very doubtful indeed if we could do any business from Mayville in eggs and chickens; and if you also think

it very, very doubtful that we find any secretarial or tutoring work within reachable distance. Otherwise, if there are possibilities and probabilities, I shall be glad to come up and look at the situation. I can come up on the Chautauqua excursion July 8th. I understand that there are only two excursions, the later one leaving July 29th.

I should not want you to think we are approaching a new business without forethought or experience. We are both country bred and give our spare time to visiting chicken farms near here and to studying "hen" literature. Miss Brockwell started yesterday for a little New England farm where chickens, squabs, etc. are raised successfully and where she can live at moderate expense and learn chicken care at the same time.

With gratitude for your kind interest,

Yours very truly,

Inez Gardner