

You must - 1874  
write off the amount of the stock & ask them  
Kate says she makes you must get notice to

167 Macey Avenue

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My dear Judge.

I have delayed writing to you some time expecting every day to hear from you. I thought you would probably write when the factory was sold and tell me about it - How much w.o.f. bid & all about it. I have had some correspondence with w.o.f. about some of the stock that I thought was at the factory - but which I find has been sold, and they simply said they had purchased the factory & stock & that the business would be carried on under them or some other management. or rather that the factory would commence running under their management or else

Some one else now going to start in same,  
I am still "in handles" - Allen - of  
(52 Maiden Lane) who used to buy some  
of our handles - found out a factory in  
Kentucky & succeeded in getting the  
Agency for N.Y. - He did not know the  
Trade <sup>and</sup> so took me in with him <sup>and</sup>  
as neither of us had any money we  
had to get a third party to back us up.  
We have got about 1500 worth of handles  
& spokers & have just made a start on  
them here & sold about 15 cases & have promise  
of plenty of trade - I have an office with  
C. W. Dunlop (of the old Dunlop & Hyman  
Mfg Co.) at 68 Breckman St. where he  
moved July 1<sup>st</sup> - If I had this agency  
alone I could do pretty well - but when  
we come to divide the profits up among  
three - the shares will be pretty small.

Allen & I have also found some parties  
now get out Oak & Hickory lumber.  
I have got a couple of sample orders for  
1000 ft each oak & hickory <sup>and</sup> if it  
is satisfactory are promised large  
orders - If the hickory comes right I  
have one order promised that will  
net us \$800. clear - There is a large  
field for this Trade <sup>and</sup> I feel more  
sanguine of making something from  
that than from handles - although the  
latter looks <sup>in</sup> pretty good now -  
The great trouble is that "while the grass  
is growing the horse starves" - James has  
been & still are pretty well although there  
is a marked improvement in the hickory  
business. You will see by the heading of my  
letter that we have moved - this only a  
short distance from where we were but we  
have got a place that suits us better and the

rank is lower - I forget if I told you  
that Kate had a married sister who  
was ill with consumption & who rank to  
California Cash fall for her health,

She returned the 18th July & they sent  
a telegram to Kate asking her to go  
home, <sup>she rank</sup> she rank home the day before Mrs  
White left the next day Mrs W. died. She  
was home about 7 weeks <sup>and</sup> while there  
rank to see Ma. - She left Jordan some  
time ago & was at Grimsby at Uncle  
Deems' - on her way to her brother at  
Owen Sound when she was taken ill  
or more than & has not been able to  
leave - I have letters from my cousin  
Julia every few days, telling of her  
(Ma's) health - I had a note yesterday saying  
the doctor thought she could only live a few  
days - & I am every moment expecting  
a telegram to say my poor mother is dead.

I do not expect to see her again - it is  
hard to think of losing her & doubly so  
when I am so near & cannot see  
her - I could come up enough to take  
me, then I don't but do not think it  
would be prudent for me to go -

My cousin writes that Ma has dropsy  
& that her limbs are awfully swollen  
<sup>and</sup> when circumstances get that way they  
do not last long - I don't know the name  
Mrs White went - Uncle Deems rank  
down to Jordan to try & get Pa to come  
up & see Ma but he would not come -  
Dad was at home some time & then started  
to Fiske - the Cash they knew of him he  
was in Kentucky - on his way to Fiske  
Please write to me frequently & tell me if there  
is any plan of getting anything out of Mr.  
H.C. & all other affairs there - How goes it

with you? How about "Joanette" - is it  
published yet - if so wish you would  
instruct your pub's to send a bellona  
complimentary copy, - We read part of  
it when we had the manuscript that  
time examining it to see if I'd had  
sent any notes on it, and was very  
much interested, write when you can  
I will not let it be so long again  
before I write - Is Nellie married yet  
when last you wrote you thought she might  
be married over, Kate and I get more  
fond of each other every day and are  
happy if we are poor, - Kate gives in  
kind regards to ~~you~~ Miss H yourself,

Truly your friend

W. H. Miller

How is Lottie? Is Skelly & Casarich still  
in G. & what are they doing? I saw me in  
town a week or ago but I did not see them,  
Came next to G. last night - you see.