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My Dear Judge -

Yours of 20<sup>th</sup> ~~last~~ was duly  
recd - I don't know why I have not written  
to you sooner - perhaps because I have a  
little wife here who occupies so much of  
my time - She asks me nearly every night  
if I have written to J. & G. & when I say  
no - she thinks I should do so - I will forth  
answer your letter and then tell you of my affairs  
affairs - I thank you Judge for your kind  
expressions & sympathy - regarding Mrs. death -  
I hope she is happy now - her last few months are  
surely were a continual round of trouble & worry -  
If you find out about the factory business -  
how much you bid it in for & please let me  
know - for I am entirely in the dark about it -  
I understand Mr. H. are running it and have

written them nothing of I cannot make some  
arrangement to sell & control these goods  
in this market. You say Mendenhall intended  
to give some intention of buying the factory back  
I wish here let me advise you Judge not to  
go into it. Hurdles are lower today than  
I have ever known them yet & present  
prospects are that they will be lower before  
they are higher. Allen & I are with Paine  
Brothers, selling their stock. Paine Rose are  
a large Wholesale Drug House & deal largely  
in chemicals & essential oils. They are very  
intimate friends of Allen's & Allen found  
out a hurdle factory some in Ky who make  
a good many spokes & hubs. He told  
Paine's that if they would advance money  
to buy a stock of hurdles that he could  
get me to go in with them & sell the goods  
& we would divide the profits even. They  
agreed to do this & we have now about 2500  
worth of hurdles in stock. We  
are selling a few every day & I think we

may yet work up a very fine trade. The  
goods are not up to the standard of the  
West Co. handles but still we can sell to  
a good many parties here. We buy Extra  
handles at 30% off enclosed list & the  
lower grades at 25% - & on short handles  
& spokes we get 35% or better. Allen  
went up to Portland Me. look week and  
has sent me a few sample orders which  
if satisfactory will probably lead to large  
orders. I wish to visit Boston look week and  
make arrangements with Dr. Phillips  
to handle our goods in that city. I got  
an order & expect more. I commenced to advise  
you not to go into Hurdles - you see in a  
moment may have shown you that we  
are buying at 25-30 & 35% list. at which  
price there is not much of a margin for  
manufacturing. at the same time I think  
that if manufacturers could sell for cash  
at the goods they made at that rate  
they might not be pay -

These tidbits enough handles - I understand from  
Came that Curran is coming - You say  
you know nothing of Skelley whereabouts. I  
can enlighten you - I went into Curran's  
today - to see about buying some handles  
for an order - & while I was there who should  
walk in but Skelley. I tell you he looked  
pretty sickly - He said he had been on the  
Ocean two weeks - Came up from  
Wilmington N.C. on a schooner - I should  
imagine from his appearance that he had  
worked his passage - I did not talk with him  
long but learned that he was on his way  
to Curran - He proposes to stay a couple of weeks  
in N.Y. - My advice to him was to get out of  
Gotham as early a day as convenient.  
He is to come down to my office tomorrow & tell  
folk about Greenbroke - I did not invite him  
to come over to my place as I have not accommodation  
for any one - When I left him this P.M. he was  
going to look for a sofa lodging & she look  
- he was in N.Y. he stopped at the Grand Central  
& appeared & talked - coming down some -



I am glad to hear that your prospects are  
so encouraging Judge. I hope your expectations  
will be realized - You say I ought to take steps  
to become a citizen - which do I want to do?  
I should know - but I'm blessed if I do -  
- You say you are gratified at the pluck and  
nerve I have displayed in my reverses - I'd  
like to know what in the world a fellow would  
do otherwise - It has required all the pluck  
nerve - scheming & everything else I knew to  
keep swimming - It's "die dog or eat the hot air"  
will I guess you are right Judge - Kate has been  
a heap of help to me - I do get the blues some  
times but she always manages to help me out  
some way - I don't know how - Thank you for the  
"Asthma cure" - I have not had it bad for a long  
time - but when I do have it I have a cure for  
it - "Kidney's Asthmatic Pastilles" - they will

"wally" the asthma in 5 minutes - wife says  
she would be very much obliged if you would  
get Mrs J or Millie to write off the receipt  
for Lemon Pie & send when next you write.  
I told her of the splendid pie you need to  
have and she is anxious to try her hand.  
I wish we were so fitted that we could come &  
see you this summer - I am anxious for  
you to see this little wife of mine - but I  
must not say anything more about her for I  
have had my mol pulled several times & my  
for speaking about her - I shall be pleased to  
get the picture you speak of - It is late &  
I am tired - Kate sends kind regards to Mrs J.  
I myself my (73) to my ever-loving friends!

Yrs -

Edw. M. J.