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Department of the Interior,

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Dear Judge,

Wm. H. [unclear]

I am up in this corner of the woods. It has rained or snowed or sleeted every day since I've been here a week & today I was sent to this savage climate on account of my paucity of physical endurance - age 50. Height 5'9" weight 123 lbs. with thick under clothing - heavy winter suit - hair black once - temper none of the best & grown perceptibly worse during last week. I'm awfully lonesome & shall be till wife comes. I was out day before yesterday near the lake & a squall or yell came up - hailed big as 2 gr. quinine pills - one flash of lightning - one clap of thunder - sounded just like a cannon within 2 ft of me, never heard anything like it. The gale tore down the buggy cover & the thunder clap scared the old horse & me too.

By the way do you know my old man or daughter, will you give me a letter to S. S. Lumber Co in my behalf - in way of good in conduct.

like - well. I don't like to be profane & so
will say like Satan on Sam Hill.

But Judge if I can stand it here
this winter there'll be fishing galore
in the summer - there is now but it is
too cold & wet for any but a native to try
it. - I read "Butcher's Iron" with
great pleasure. Thanks for your
kindness to Bernie in buying
the book.

But you must pardon our
criticism & I don't know the page
for the book is not here. You make the
German say "neben" for "never" - now
a dorkie would say that, but a German
would say "nefen" - You don't find a Neuton
substituting a b for v - he uses m for
instead. - Well I will spare all this.

I don't have time to read enough to
know anything & feel smug if I can pick
up something to find fault with.

I don't suppose you'll write me, but you
can't prevent the mail (even under Vilas) from
delivering this to you. Love to all & so long
J.R.W.

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