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"God made the Country, Man the Town."

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My dear Judge -
Your favor of 21st
inst to hand. Careful search
has failed to reveal the pamphlet
referred to. No matter what litera-
ture you might leave behind I
know full well you would never give
a trace on the sin of dancing to a
one legged soldier. Neither would you
prescribe prayer for a torpid liver, nor
faith for phisic. There are times
when an injection of drops and
common sense will bring about a desired
result that prayer and faith would
never touch. If your ears have not
tingled lately it is because there
is no truth in signs. My household
have discussed you at every meal and
between meals, (and I could say the
same of the whole village) My
wife's sister Miss Crawford says -
well never mind what she says - for

if I would relate one half of
the Complimentary things I have
heard the ladies say of you
within the past few days it might
make you very vain.

A lecture in a village like
this does ten times as much good
as in a city. City people hear,
smile - nod approval go home and
forget it. Not so here, the
coming among us of a Superior mind
is a great and important event.
Why the whole town is in a
blaze of intellectual excitement,
we step high, we are breathing a
rarefied air. Your lecture has
opened up our intellectual pores
and we have laid aside our gossip,
our horse talk, and our state
jokes and for the time we feel
as if we are men & women
With great respect allow me
to subscribe myself your friend
E. Hubbard