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Dear Sir,

I have, nearing completion  
a novel, my first attempt at fiction and  
have now come to that point in such an  
undertaking, the most difficult perhaps, where  
I need the diffident assistance of a publisher.

In this strait I come to you, an  
Author of established merit and a fellow  
Chautauquin, for advice, if the step leans  
to ward imposition I ask pardon, if you  
appreciate my condition, I expect help:

I have made no application to any  
publishing house, am utterly ignorant of  
how they do business, even need enlightenment  
upon the question, how to get my manuscript  
to them, correct the proof etc after I shall have  
been so fortunate to obtain a friendly hearing:

I have no money to push the matter

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through, have written with the hope of adding some  
small gain to my meagre wealth.

Now - then shall I proceed, if I had  
money the question of new publication of course  
would not trouble, I am unfortunately in a  
condition where, though not poor, I can spare no  
money for such a purpose.

What light you can throw upon these  
questions will be remembered by us with  
gratefulness.

Your obed<sup>t</sup> Servant

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