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My dear Wife:

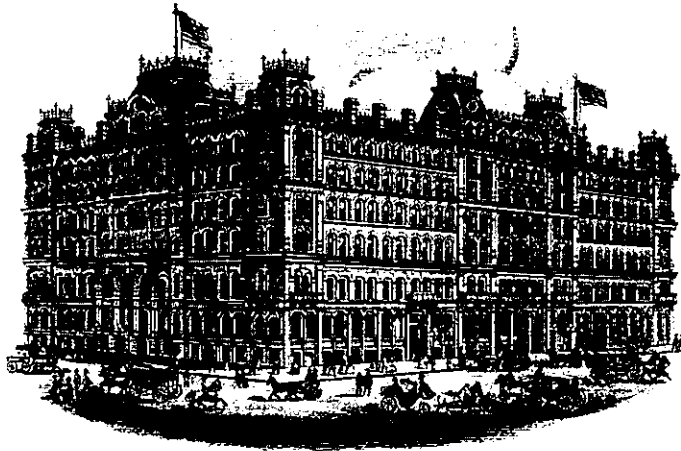
I have been out and procured your consolidator which I herewith enclose. I have as you will see only 8 appointments up to the 19th inclusive and they only aggregate \$610. I guess I can make \$550. out of them, net. That is not much but better than nothing. I don't know where I will send the next or where I will pass the interval. Possibly, I may remain at Jacksonville, or I may go to Kansas City. Am inclined to do the latter.

They claim they are going

to have a good many dates after
June 15, but I don't believe it.
I shall have plenty of time,
I think for my work.

They are much impressed
with my idea of a set of lec-
tures with stereopticon views
on "How we Govern Ourselves!"
They say it is "just the thing" and
"there is big money in it." If I
would let them run it they would
raise the money to get it up;
but I would not agree to do
so.

Tell Mr. Bates that these men
after thinking the matter over a
week think they could make it
net from \$15,000. to \$25,000 next
year in Boston, New York,
Brooklyn, Phila and Chicago—
giving away the first course
in Boston — that is only
selling tickets enough to pay ex-
penses. The next year they think
it would be more as the expenses
would be less. I thought I had hit



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the popular tendency and this proves that I am right. If his man will put up \$5,000. to equip it and do the preliminary advertising we can just as easily as not secure him by assignment of copyright and make a first-rate good thing.

By the way, Fuller, the other part of Clayton, tells me that my idea about Chandernagore is correct. He says it hurts a lecturer to go there. People say "Oh we heard him at Ch - : we want somebody else." So it would be not do to start the new idea there - .

Well, I must finish my Py-
cylinder and go out for
some notions before the stores
close. You seem to have had
quite a home-warming. I did
not know Annie and Arthur
were coming back. I under-
stand now what made
you so blue. A crowd when
I am not there always
affects you that way. I
hope you will get Annie fatted
up, though I am afraid you
have undertaken a big job.
Love to all.

Yours
Albin.