

Gentlemen:

I received your letter of a creek on
two days, also the one of the 1st inst. I had
not answered the former because I had no
means by which I could respond to your
call for money. I have been trying to get
enough wheat to get a large ^{working} ~~amount~~
of the motor made. The only man in this region
who can do such work has been sick almost all
the time for a year. He was able to do a little
work at one time in the summer; then had
to quit and only a few days ago, notified me
that he was able to begin work again.

Of course, with an income of only \$25⁰⁰ a
week I cannot do much. The lecture-business
is very poor this year. During the winter, if
my own health keeps good I shall be able
to get a ~~rod~~ ^{rod} ~~or~~ ^{or} a ~~sample~~ ^{sample} rather —
~~to~~ two feet wide by six inches deep — by

Gentlemen: I am sorry to say I cannot help you.
I did not answer your last letter of a week or so
ago, for this very reason. I have worked like a
slave all summer trying to get enough in hand
to make a large model and so do something
with the motor but have not succeeded.

which the actual power and economy of the Motor can be computed and which may be used as a pattern for casting others.

I see no means of disposing of it until these two points can be practically determined by actual experiment. I have not been so successful in efforts as I may have seemed but I cannot demonstrate ~~what~~ to others what I have no means for ascertaining myself, until its power can be actually measured its value is indeterminate and I know no other way of doing it but by making one large enough so that its work can be measured. I greatly regret your urgent need and much more my inability to relieve it. Yours truly -