

My dear Miss Wells: — It is both a diffi-  
cult and delicate matter to answer your  
question as to what "chances there are for a re-  
vival and tell you whether your  
"decision of your character" ~~could be~~ <sup>is</sup> ~~judged~~ <sup>or</sup>  
~~answered~~ with any positiveness, without more  
facts. The question is one that no  
knowledge of the provable facts than I possess. But  
respectable lawyer could answer  
ring accidents and mistakes there are the  
with positiveness and what all are  
legal <sup>by</sup> aspects of your case, on which  
less better informed as to what can  
your chances of recovery depend:  
be proved than I.

(1) — This much I can say. If you  
can get service at Chicago, I think  
you can get a fair trial.

(2) — The defendants will have to do  
one of two things ~~to~~ (a) seek

friendship with any man, I can  
see no reason why you should  
not get a very large verdict.

This gives, I believe, the entire  
legal view of the case. The facts,  
that is what can be proved,  
it is for you to supply.

I could not undertake the case.  
I am not regularly practicing my  
profession, appearing only in special  
cases, like that of the "Jain Crow Case"  
cases, and in those appearing wholly  
gratuitously. I could not afford to  
do more gratuitous work, being as  
you may know not only poor  
but ~~very~~ very deeply in very deeply

~~and~~ to justify by proving that you were the "mistress" of the editor as alleged or (B) Show that your character ~~is~~ is so generally bad that you are not entitled to damages of any amount.

- 3- If they fail to show as a fact that you were the editor's mistress, in fact, you must recover,
- 4 - If they fail to show that you are of a generally bad character ~~the attempt to do so will en-~~hance your verdict.
- 5 - If you are able to establish a good character, can deny any impropriety with the editor and especially if you can deny and sustain a denial of improp-

in debt: and you could not afford  
to pay me ~~as~~ enough to make  
good the time and expense it would  
require to engage in a case to be  
tried at a remote point.

I have been willing to suggest  
but could not take upon my-  
self the responsibility of advice or  
prosecution; not from any un-  
willingness, but simply because I  
have to live, ~~and~~ or at least think  
it necessary that I should, and  
in order to do so must make  
my time and labor yield a  
certain revenue.

I have no doubt that you  
will be able to secure resident law-  
yers, who will be entirely satisfac-  
tory, at a much less sum than  
that for which I could afford to  
serve you.

Sincerely yours

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