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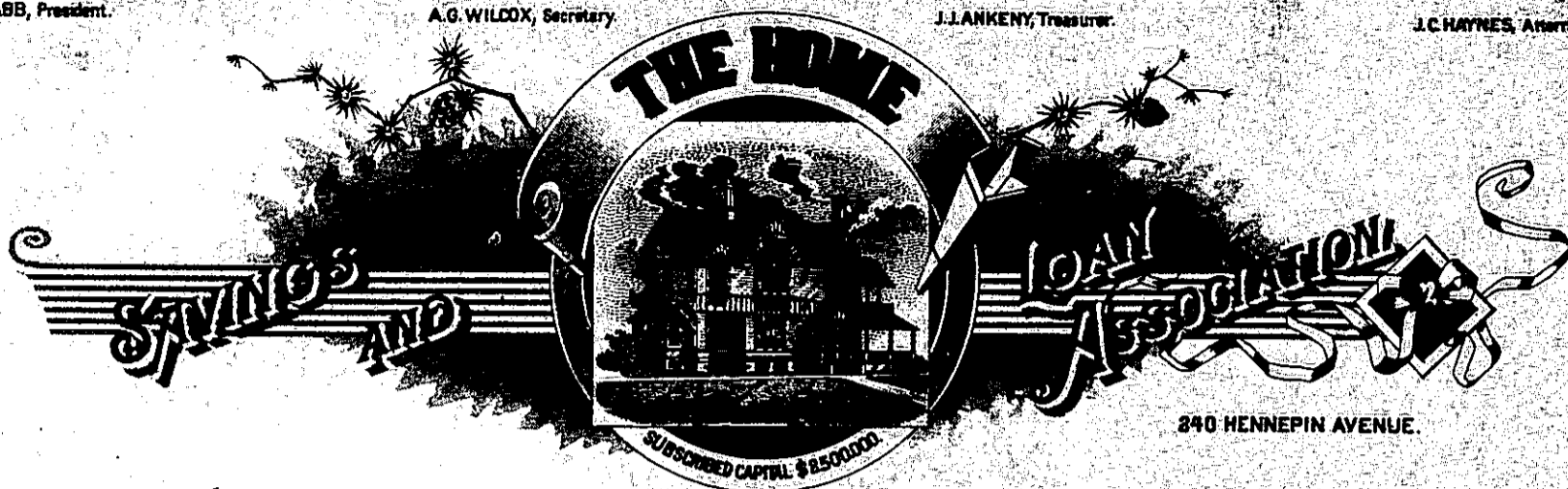
My dear Judge:--

Your letter relating to new wheel is at hand.

I think it would be a difficult matter to make any arrangement, such as you suggest, here at this time. Money is held very close, bankers being very apprehensive of an unfavorable money market for some time to come, and those who have money are afraid of speculative investments.

Of course, you wish to retain control of this patent, so as to make the millions out of it which you believe to be in it. I have within two or three years tried to do the same thing for a young inventor here, but have found that men who have money to invest in patents want the earth. The only plan I could make work was a stock company, with an agreement to manufacture a fixed number annually, as soon as the practicability of the machine was demonstrated, and to pay inventor a certain royalty. Men who would not, alone, go into an enterprise of this kind will risk a small sum each in a stock company, with a plausible prospectus, if a good promoter presents it. So much for suggestion in the way of organization of a company. I think it would be an impossibility to find a man who would put up \$5,000 and risk it on an untried invention, with the prospect of only doubling his money in a year or two.

Now as to the invention, you have no doubt anticipated and overcome all the objections which I offer, but they are such as would ^{occur} secure to any one to whom an interest in patent is offered, and it is therefore



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well to be ready to meet them. I understand this to be practically a tire within a tire with springs between. Would not the increased weight be an objection, and how do you prevent mud and sand from interfering with the springs?

What is to prevent the use of the rubber inside the steel in place of the springs?

(In passing, why not use aluminum in the place of steel for tires?)

It looks as if you had hit upon a method of doing what the rubber does in another way. Whether it is cheaper and better and at the same time more enduring is for you to demonstrate. If so, the value is there without doubt.

Our little chaps are doing well now. Tourgee is a bright one, and likely to be very much spoiled. I hope you are all better and in the harness again.

If I can make any suggestions or aid your scheme along let me know. I am glad to hear that you have cut off some of your entanglements. I am still working at the knots, and mean to loosen some of them.

To Judge A. W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

Very truly yours,

A. G. Wilcox