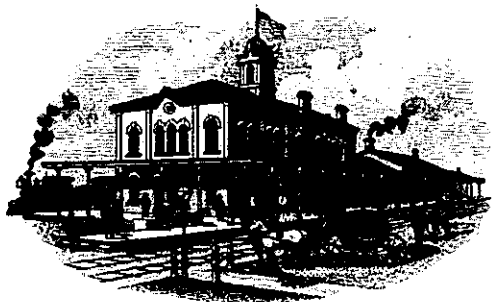


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Dear Friend:-

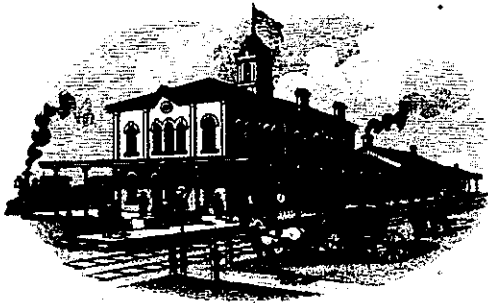
I have been delayed in replying to your letter through being detained in N.Y. longer than I expected to be and through the uncertainty hanging over certain business matters. I am getting a business started for my boys which I find is taking more money than I anticipated and on the top of that I find, since I saw you that I will probably have to hunt up \$7000.00 somewhere to protect a valuable property in which my wife owns a share by inheritance. One of the heirs has a suit in partition pending which will involve much expense and, probably, a forced sale under quite unfavorable circumstances. I have

When I saw you I was on my way to look after this matter but it gave me no concern as I believed I could easily arrange it. I find now that the only thing I can do probably will be to buy out this heir. The suit I now see was begun to force me to do this and I suppose I shall be compelled to do it. I mention these

Matters of private concern to explain why I shall be unable to undertake the project we were talking about. I have faith in your idea and believe it can be worked out to a practical and valuable result. It will take considerably time and money to make it successful. I can not spare much time or money and in the present situation of my affairs I fear no more.

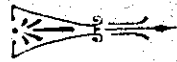
Until within a day or two I had had a strong hope of avoiding the necessity of buying out this share in the estate in which my wife is

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interested and so delayed
writing thinking I might be able
to suggest at least my ability
& willingness to aid your enterprise
with a little money. But I ought
not to keep you waiting and
I now feel that so far from being
able to spare any money I will
have to borrow considerable to keep
these matters along.

I appreciate the heroic fight
you are making to recover lost
ground and I doubt I believe there
more comfort from being of service
to you in "pulling out" than from
the prospective profit.

I hope you will be able to arrange
with some one so as to develop to
a profitable result your invention.
Yours truly
W. B. Kings