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Topeka, Kas.
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My dear Surgeon:

Soon after the receipt of yours of the 6th inst. I was called out of town and have been away most of the time since. In my judgment your diagnosis of the disease of the tricus is correct and your remedies strike at the root of the disease. You may delay - perhaps even noticeably - the malign course of events which according to my view, is the necessary accompaniment of the course of human ^{development} ~~events~~.

In so far as you may do so you will have been a beneficial factor so that when another wave of progress - later on, perhaps in the far future - shall have commenced ~~it~~ it will be with better information

than would be the case had your work not been done. You will see that I look upon each effort of mankind to improve socially and politically somewhat in the same light as we see the growth of the Earth from a geological standpoint - each great effort a higher and better one than the preceding ones. The "art preservation of arts" however will give to future movements an advantage which we and those before us have not had, & viz. the mistakes of the past can be read & understood more fully than heretofore.

The business which called me away was to settle up two sales of real estate which I supposed I had made one and three years ago respectively. Both fell through & I had to take the properties back - pay up back taxes &c. & with a certainty that there will be no chance

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to sell or rent the properties in the immediately future. In looking over my affairs I can not see my way clear to any new investment even to the small amount you name.

For some four or five years past I have been trying to contract my affairs (never very large) so that I could see an assured modest income during life. I would have more than realized my expectations had it not been for the failures above alluded to.

My plans are so settled that I do not think it best to disturb them after the careful and I may say fairly successful adjustments which I have made. I hope and believe you will succeed and wish to be considered a subscriber to your paper & to hear later on from you how you progress. Very truly yours L. Gage