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22 PLYMOUTH AVENUE.
BUFFALO, N.Y.

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My dear Judge Tongue

You have got yourself
into a scrape! The

accept for Saturday 19th

or that is before you have

time to reconsider the
invitation. Except us

"about 11." The previous

letter I will bring ^{will} _{or need}

certain manuscripts for

packing it. The 8th

series he ad back I don't

think I am up to.

If I read correctly
the legend that two
other French gentlemen who
lost their heads at the
same time. They were
clever enough to know when
they were vanquished. They
were smart enough to lay
low & stay dead. If
therefore you see me with
kindness - if I call
my head "for joy of you
& criticism" I will leave it
2000, I will leave it
upon the field - a trophy.

Perhaps you can read my
Chicago paper - perhaps you can't.

I find that my writing is more
clear & distinct, the characters better
formed & the general appearance of
thought improved when I get a
type writer to help me. In fact
I frequently find two necessary -
one to break up my present style
of hand writing & the other to
put down ideas that are interesting.
About Syracuse I will tell
you. This is all the papers
said.

The frozen trust will not
make a break in our friendship
but frankness is what I want.

- It is a seldom commodity.
- 1 - I have not published any
of the notes.
 - 2 - As between a syndicate &
a volume I am in doubt.
 - 3 - Primarily I wish a

proper - incidentally a reputation.

4. I will pay expenses of publication & - am if

I am thought to have a reasonable chance of sale.

I think that Short Stories are quite the currency.

Mine are personal experiences & I only try to tell what I heard & saw, as I heard & saw.

I make no effort to "talk proper". No merit but truth & the style, conversational.

Yours till Saturday

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