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22 PLYMOUTH AVENUE.  
BUFFALO, N.Y.

June 17<sup>th</sup>

My dear Judge

Sam<sup>l</sup> & Mrs. Fairchild  
were to have come to us  
for our yesterday & today  
& Mrs. & Miss. Toungie for  
tomorrow, Tuesday & Wednesday  
but every body has failed  
us & we are alone.

This past week we have  
decided to break up our  
housekeeping & board  
ourself of the hard times.

(Cook & waitress)

Our girls, go on the 21<sup>st</sup>  
& we take two crowded seats  
at a boarding house.

Much to our grief therefore  
we shall <sup>hereafter</sup> be unable to  
entertain. Our home is  
"for sale or rent". It is  
an awful bore but we  
must "face the music" bravely  
until "the clouds roll by".

We are living on our  
capital & the failure  
to get \$11,000. That I hoped  
would be paid me has  
brought us to the determination.

We prefer to economize and  
pay than to keep up appearances  
& owe. I can't sell  
an acre of land & I can't  
collect what is due us.

Farewell then - for the  
present - to the prospect  
of entertaining you & yours.

If you come down for  
the day, as I hope you soon  
will to get Base's & Hatchell's  
views, you must lunch with  
me down town. My office  
is in the Erie Co. Savings  
B'k Bldg, Room 53.

Sincerely yours

C. O. Shepard