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Hon. Albion W. Searge
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My dear friend, We were all more than pleased on receiving your kind letter of 25th inst. No wonder talking of you and your visit last summer while you were putting your thoughts of us on paper no doubt, as like occurrences are with us common. Nevertheless if we were to see, or get a letter from you every time we think and talk of you and your charming daughter you would cry enough, let me have rest. I assure you we all of us appreciate your kind invitation to make the farthest way around the pleasant way home. It is a pleasant reverie to even imagine myself with you, enjoying the society of the inmates of your Thorheim lake and mountain, ^{vicinity} but I fear it is not for me this season. I sympathize with the sufferings that have made your home a hospital all summer, yet I feel that even to the afflicted may feel their sorrows modified, the grasshoppers having ^{broken} your hearts and your welcome.

Anybody could have assured them that any attempt would prove useless. Pardon my mingling the serious and sincere with the ridiculous.

I too have been a sufferer during late winter and spring - first from over work in autumn and winter; later several weeks in home hospital just when we thought we were ready for agricultural and horticultural work here I met with a severe fall and shock, as may be seen in my chronology. The well into June when we arrived I have made good progress physically, and the better perhaps from trying my hand at barn and ice house buildings now complete. Under the circumstances I am not in condition to travel or knock about much. Mrs Kellogg and the daughters are very well - have been and are under engagement, that will keep them very busy entertaining visitors till weather calls them and business me, to our Brickmaster home. I am making such a botch of it that I must ask

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our Fanny to help me out. O' for a stenographer & typist - yes, a little more the ability to go it without

The "angels" would be delighted also to visit you, but for reasons mentioned, and send their hearty thanks, as I do, for the invitation to enjoy the scenery and beauties of your home within & without. If the power that be, with the assistance of Gertrude, ~~could~~ furnish inspiration through you, it would indeed be an added pleasure. If Mrs. Bellamy could lessen your suffering by any healing power that she possesses, I assure you she would not fall in the rear of her enthusiastic daughter.

The beauties of Lake Champlain, as seen in the rear, and the front, remain with us beautiful as ever; the sisters now as in the past, are reluctant to leave. As all things change, when we again have the pleasure of seeing you here, it may be that their reluctance, on your solicitation may take part in the universal change, and we hope it may not be long before the test be made, for your visit of last year gave us very great pleasure, as it did many of our neighbors who often enquire about you, and refer to the few moments they enjoyed in your presence. Prominent among them are our Democratic friend Mr. Doughty, and Republican, Captain Weatherman, to each of whom I frequently hand the Int. Ocean. By the way, I was very much pleased to see in that publication, the necessity felt, for your acknowledged contributions, What about the nomination and consequent election to Congress, in your Congressional district? If Port Kent could stop into your district, Saugie would have its vote male and female. You would then as in the past carry the town by storm.

Now about the horse. If disappointed in Collard, in one respect, he will possess qualities that will render him valuable, highly so, in others; and perhaps more useful and profitable. We will hope time will enable him to supply what is lacking. Sacoma: she evidently is not part of the beauties in form or disposition, that you would show me, and yet, for the reason that change in the latter is in the right direction, my experience leads me to think, that with kindness and patience, she will not again show the crankiness, which you have found a way for the time being at least, to dispell. It is evident she is to show herself a producer.

With kindly regards to your family and yourself
believe me sincerely and truly Yours
Always glad to hear from you
A. Kellogg