Russell House,
Detroit, Mich.
March 25 1895.

Dear Mr Lounsee:

Mr Gibson came in this morning to show me a copy of Souvenir of 105th O.V.I. and letter from you in which you mention that the Judge would be glad to have my story for the soon forthcoming Basis. I infer that is the John Brisbane Walker's new [illegible] and that the Judge is to be connected with it. If so, I will be glad to make an arrangement with him for anything I can do in the literary line.

I presume you refer to the story Melchora, or Perquez. I have not opened the MSS. since I left Mayville. It is only within the past few weeks that I have felt that I could resume any kind of brain work. Now I

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believe I could do a reasonable amount of good work if I could be assured of enough to pay my way and relieve me from the manual drudgery in which I have now been engaged for a year. I had got some in debt before I got able to do anything. I have now paid out. The first of this I will be exactly even with the world so far as I know, and ready to make the first new departure that offers favorably.

With kindest regards

Yours sincerely

E. J. M. Clemens.

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