487 Delaware Avenue.

My Dear Miss Tourjee

I have borne in mind your desire to sell your pictures & we have spoken of them. They are well hung & hold their place in a pretty good exhibition of paintings. Buffalo people do not buy many pictures at home. They do not trust themselves to judge of pictures & trust a name willingly. This is my much to be commended in the present state of art

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in our city, which is quite intensely commercial in spirit. But it is hard for our local Artists who find it hard to make a living. I was told yesterday ~~that~~ not a picture of the Exhibition had been sold thus far, altho' it had been well attended.

I have no fear ~~that~~ that generous & flattering impulse you had to send me a sketch would result disastrously, but if you will send me a sketch to be sold at our Church Fair to be held April 22d & 23d it may find its way legitimately into my hands & thus Fate may be cheated. I have charge of the Art Dept. & have been soliciting Contributions. You do such very good work, & your name has become so familiar in our household it would give me great pleasure to have something tangible

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as a reminder of you in our home.

I am sorry to know you have been so ill & hope the tardy Spring may bring you relief.

I am a little surprised that your excellent writing & your correct drawing as well as fertile imagination does not seek a field in New York. McClure constantly advertises for short stories. Have you tried it?—

Yours with very kind regard wh. includes your father & mother

I am Yours Sincerely

April 4th/96. Adeline E H Stein

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