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Dear wife: I have just had my promised interview with the Judge people. I was quite surprised to have it amount to nothing, but hardly for the statements made by Mr. Corbett. He said: We are going to eliminate the editorial page from politics.

We have just engaged a new editor. We considered your name in connection with that place. What we wanted, however, was not a thinker or a writer but a skilled editor to select

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pictures and descriptive matter to go with them. I would not pay five cents a column for the best matter that could be written to go into a picture paper.

Harper's Weekly has fallen below 100.000. circulation. We are only able to keep Leslie's from being a steady loss by our enormous investment in prize inducements.

He says the Cosmopolitan is losing all the time and

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is bound to go under.

He thinks we are going to have worse times than ever; that the currency is in such shape that McKinley's dec=tion cannot possibly help us out.

Says everybody except Wanamaker and a few other wild=eyed men are looking for this and pre=paring for it."

This is a fair sample of

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what I get everywhere. Every=
body says the simulation
of a boom is merely an at=
tempt to lift ~~a man up~~ oneself by the
boot=straps — the boot straps
being the newspapers which
are trying to manufacture
good times to save them=
selves.

Now, what shall I
do? I have tried everybody
I can think of. Can you give
me a suggestion?

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I have a mind to write a letter today to Mr. Warner maker and see if he has such something I can do.

I had a sleepless night last night but wrote an article for the North American, which I will send you to be copied tonight.

I do not see any chance to do anything but write some

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articles on general subjects, scatter them here and there and in the meantime, go at some serious novels and get them ready as soon as I can. This, I can do as well and better at home at infinitely less cost.

So I think I had better come home unless

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you positively forbid my doing so.

It is all bad but I cannot help it. If I am to live I see no other way and I can only wish for death.

Yours

Wilson

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