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Mrs. L. L. Buster,

Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mother:-

I received a card from Kate yesterday stating that you were not very well, not able to answer my last letter, and suggesting that I write you again without waiting for a reply. Of course I would do this and would have written without any suggestion had I thought of any thing worth while to write. I never pay any attention to which way a letter is due in my social correspondence as you know. I hope by the time you receive this that you will be entirely recovered from the attack referred to in Kate's postal. It seems very strange to me that Grip causes such a disturbance of the system in your country for it is hardly worth considering here and not distinguishable from a Bad cold. I will await word from you or Kate as to your condition with great anxiety and I hope that you or both of you will write as soon as possible.

This is a beautiful day in early spring in this country and though last night was cold and almost frosty the sun is shining warm and bright to day and the people are engaged in planting

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gardens and crop. We are all in reasonably fair health though in that line we have nothing to boast of. Jude has not been well for several months though her complaint is not of a serious character. Sometimes she has the head ache, some times she is bilious, sometimes she has neuralgia. The children are all in good health and growing very rapidly so that it makes me feel very old to see the children grow up around me in this way.

It would be a useless repetition I suppose to tell you of Annie's approaching marriage and of Charley's prosperity financially. I am very well acquainted with the young man Annie is about to marry. He is a honest, hard working rather ugly, very stingy ignorant country boy. He is very much Annie's inferior intellectually but is economical and a good financier. I am rather disposed to believe that their union is a happy one. Annie is extravagant but he will hold her down and she will be of great assistance to him, no doubt, from a business standpoint. This young man that I refer to is named Harry Miller and operates a livery stable at Fort Gibson and a hack line between that point and Muskogee. He came to Gibson several years ago and began work by the month and now he owns the finest horses and the finest rigs in this part of the country.

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As I said though he is rather ugly and uncouth he is a worthy young man in many respects.

There is very little going on in the territory now of any interest. The treaties are all pending before Congress for ratification and until something is done in this line things will be at a standstill in this country. Every thing in the Law business is very dull and sometimes I get in a great notion of leaving this country when I get very poor and hard run and then when a little wave of prosperity comes along I settle myself back very well contented again until the next financial crisis comes to me and mine. I believe I have always been subject to these attacks since I can remember wherever I lived and whatever was my condition.

I will close now and dispatch this letter hoping that it will reach you and find you well again and that I will soon hear from you. Give my love to Kate and the children.

Your Affection Son,

Jno. P. Buster