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My Dear Cousin

You were very good to write me so promptly concerning Carrie's mishap which fortunately is not serious. A word please concerning the caution you convey to me. The fact is that Carrie's affairs need active and intelligent attention. I have felt it my duty to explain to her with great care what, from time to time, it was plainly essential for her to do. Nothing came of it, owing to the obstinacy and interference on the part of her children; more especially her daughters. They are totally incapable of advising or assisting their mother and persist in harassing and annoying her. Thus far they have succeeded in preventing Carrie from doing anything whatever, and have by the course they have pursued, made it more difficult to accomplish what ought to be undertaken. Maybe nothing will be done. But it is certain that Carrie needs what might be

obtained in two or three directions if persistent effort was made. Already much time has elapsed and nothing so far as I know has been done with her claim against the rail road. I had that all under way, with almost a certainty of getting something, when her children upset it. Understand me, please, your caution ought not to be applied to me. If her children would behave themselves and treat their Mother with ordinary courtesy, she would not be worried or harassed. I wrote her telling her of the importance of her being here in person and giving immediate attention to certain matters. If she comes I very much fear she will not act wisely, as her children are pretty sure to interfere and terrorize her. My object in writing you is that you may be advised of the true state of affairs. It is of no use to say anything to her about her children. She cannot or does not realize how stupid and ignorant they are in business matters. It is too bad to see opportunities for her benefit that might yield her quite a sum of money, neglected or retarded so that nothing is realized. With many kind wishes for yourself and for your happiness I am Yours very Sincerely
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