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From the Society of John the Baptist, the G.A.R., the Woman's Relief, the Navy League, the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Double Cross, the Children's Home, the Dorcas Society, etc., etc., ad infinitum.

The Government has so governed my business that I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined and re-examined, informed, required, restrained and commanded so that I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here.

All I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every human need, desire or hope of the human race, and because I will not sell all I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, lied to, lied about, held up, hung up, robbed and nearly drained; and the only reason I am clinging to life is to see what in Hell is coming off next.

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If this letter is lost and has not been received by you, then please send me a copy of it right away so that I can send you a duplicate. I should have come myself and tell you, the streets are so muddy, will you know also how much just now the stores are charging for their #3 shoes so much a pair

1 O'clock P.M. just now father comes home and says that he has bought the Palace Hotel.

Two hours later, the sale was not consummated owing to the difference in price and he wants an other story put in, the basement put on the top of the building to overlook the City. Let me know in four weeks, what the hillside in Old Town can be had for for Hotel purposes and room for a Corral.

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