

Private

Pestskill, Dec. 11/31

Friend Ashley:

I don't feel quite satisfied to have you doubting—even though my old friend Prof. Hughes writes me long letters to convince me, against my eyesight, that we cannot do  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>th</sup> of what we claim. Indeed, he says I am being fooled—which is bad.

The first ten minutes you have to spare, I wish you would gratify me by criticising the inclosed memorandum as sharply as you please, either by written memorandum, or Editorially, as you choose—but if the latter, please do not mention my name or Sittle's.

If feeling or anxiety counts  
for anything, I have ten times  
more at stake in my pet  
scheme of Telegraphing than  
everybody else, and whilst I do  
not care, in the least, for the criti-  
cisms of the d-d fools at 145, I  
do care much for yours, because  
I know you wish for the progress  
we claim to be making, and  
I also know that if you have rea-  
sons disproving what I claim,  
you will state them fairly and  
they will be such as will command  
the respect of all.

Of course we do not expect to employ  
girls altogether, but chiefly, for day-work,  
but in the main, girls will answer as  
well as men - the mental labor not being  
1/4 part as much as to do horse work  
Jan 24. 58. G. C. C.