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My dear Miss Russell:-

I am very sorry that your letter has lain so long unanswered. It came to me when I was very much occupied with a piece of work and practically writing no letters.

It goes without saying that I was very interested in what you have to say. That there is something to do and something a good deal worth while and much needed along the lines of domestic work I am convinced. What is needed is a practical demonstration of what can be done and then an exposition of the results, which will enlighten. If you are willing to throw yourself into the work you certainly should begin with as much knowledge on the subject as you can get. There are various House Keeping Training Schools. Several of the Western Agricultural Colleges have them. There is an excellent school in Pittsburg. If you could get into one of these institutions and learn what they have to teach about the re-organization of the whole matter you might work out in time something of great value. You certainly should begin by seeing what has been done and in my judgment it is very considerable - that is, women are working all along the line at the problem.

If you must continue a "bread winner" and at the same time would like to tackle this problem by actual service, why not try to get in touch with some intelligent housekeeper nearby, in a town like Buffalo, persuade her to take you, the understanding being that you want to study the problem.

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You ask me if it would be possible for you to work near me. I fear that is out of the question.. I am, myself, an unsettled person, my work calling me hither and yon. Moreover, it is always wise in my judgment for people to begin the work they want to do where they are. Conditions and opportunities vary much less than is properly supposed. You have all of the elements of the problem right where you are. If you can work it out there in a practical way, you can extend your field. In any case I shall be much interested to know what you decide to do and shall be very glad if I can be of any assistance to you.

Very sincerely yours

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