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*In Maker
Secretary*

Mrs. Charles Bennett Smith
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Albany, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Bennett Smith:

I hope you will not consider this letter a nuisance. It asks a real favor of you, and one which I am sure you will frankly refuse if you feel that you ought not to grant it.

I am going to do an article for Collier's Weekly, on the case of Mrs. Knapp. I want to talk over the matter at the start with some wise and experienced official in Albany. I would prefer it be you to anybody else. The talk could be just as confidential as you desire. I want to know how you feel about the whole matter. Would you be willing to do this, dear lady?

I should like, too, advice about the most reliable and unprejudiced person who knows something about the case. I've taken Mrs. Knapp pretty hard myself and there are certain things in the case as I know it which seem to me women should have their attention called to. Would you be willing to see me?

I can go to Albany the morning of the 21st of August and shall stay over the 23rd at least. I should like very much to make an engagement with you for Tuesday afternoon or evening. May I count on it?

Faithfully yours