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Dear Clara:

I am bothering you again for a little information. Do you remember the year when your father started the tin plate factory in Youngstown? Was it before or after the duty was put on tin plate in 1890? You know that the indefatigable Mr. Cronmeyer worked all through the '80's with Mr. McKinley to get the duty fixed, but it did not come off until the '90's. You know that once when I was in Youngstown after it was started and you and your father showed me about. It must have been before I left Meadville, went to Paris. That was before the McKinley Bill was passed. Am I right in supposing that McKinley persuaded your father into the venture as a demonstration of what could be done? Of course there were already a few that were attempting to make tin plate but it was not until after the duty was set that the tremendous outpouring came.

I shall be so grateful if you would try to fix the time. I think it is important in the history of tin plate and particularly important in regard to your father.

I hope you are enjoying the Fall. It must be getting very beautiful down there; it is up here. I have had a rather trying summer, very busy and entering on a busy fall, but I am well. I am taking good care of myself.

I know you will be distressed to know that Sara has had another bad accident. I think I wrote you that she fell and broke her foot in the Spring, was on crutches for a number of weeks, had to be very careful through the summer. She came down here about four weeks ago while I was in the country, slipped on my flock and broke her right wrist and the bones in her hand. A nasty break - it has caused her a great deal of pain. She is in the country, her arm in a cast of course, but takes care of herself. I am sure she would love it if you would drop her a line. You know her address - Bethel, Conn. R.F.D.#1.

With love to you and let me hear from you
as you can.

I am greatly touched by what you tell me
about poor Miss Theburn. It is sad to end as she
is ending.

Affectionately

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