August 5, 1913.

Mr. Samuel H. Ranck,
Ryerson Public Library Building,
Grand Rapids, Michigan.

My dear Mr. Ranck:

Your letter of July 26th does you a lot of credit , both the part which refers to shoes and the part which refers to your attitude about publicity. You make yourself entirely clear. However, I am not going to give up the idea of what is doing in the Grand Rapids Library into The American. If we do it, we will have to start a new department. Then I shall be able to use all of this good material that you have given me.

I think the true way to have done would be to have written what I wanted to say and sent it on to Mrs. Ranck. Then, perhaps, she would have consented. That's the way I got it on Mr. Garfield, only I sent my little piece through Mr. Baker. I think poor Mr. Garfield is really distressed to think he has got to endure the publicity we want to give him. But I really think it is a good thing for our readers to know about anybody as fine as he seems to me.

Surely we are going to have that time to

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discuss the thousand and one things that we did not touch on. I am hoping it will be at my farm or your farm. Tell Mrs. Ranck that as I was going down the street today I saw a sale of summer furniture and immediately remembered how she told me she was going to furnish her farm house.

With kindest regards to all the family, believe me

Very sincerely yours,

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