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savings in a patent machine for the disintegration of mutton suet.

Belleville Hospital, Center Co., O., Jan. 12, 1877.

My Respected Cousin,—The incoherency of your request with my condition [here state the condition] is so forcibly impressed upon my sentient faculties [enumerate and define the faculties], that I cannot refrain from endeavouring to avoid any hesitancy in making an effort to produce the same or a similar impression upon your perceptive capabilities. With kindest regards for the several members of your household [indicate the members], I am ever,

Your attached relative,
MARTIN JORDAN.

No. 3.

From a superintendent of an iron-foundry, to a lady who refused his hand in her youth, and who has since married an inspector of customs in one of the Southern States, requesting her, in case of her husband's decease, to give him permission to address her, with a view to a matrimonial alliance.

BRIER IRON MILLS, SECAUQUA, ILL., July 7, '77.

DEAR MADAM,—Although I am fully aware of the robust condition of your re-