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strength & spirits all failed  
me - though my gratitude re-  
mained warm & appreciative.  
Lady Hill is ill, & I have  
tried hard to get it into  
order for tenants. My sister  
went abroad in Jan. & now,  
as you see, I am bound to  
England. We hope to be in our  
own country farm house at  
Ashfield in the autumn.  
Could you be persuaded to  
come & spend a few days  
with us? I wish you might.

This letter is really a business one, & I wish  
you to my point. My hand is a fine, smooth  
Englishman - 35 years old, well & strong & among  
all work. He is being appointed, having entered  
the U. S. as a "star-away," & my attention was  
called to his case by the enclosing newspaper  
cutting. His story is simple. He is 18 & entered  
the army, & after serving his 12  
years he was honorably discharged at the end