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Mr. F. L. Black
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Dear Mr. Black:-

I shall be glad to see you here anytime you come to New York, either at this office or at my residence at 326 W. Fourth Street. Let me know a few days ahead if you can and we will have a session, punctuated with the proverbial New York lunch.

Perhaps we can work out a collaboration scheme on some of the stuff I have that I am too busy now to write. I set down a few dots:

1. Speculative story on what is contained in the Lincoln papers left by Robert T.Lincoln, not to be opened until 1947. These, in my opinion, will provide an entirely new angle on the struggle between the North and the South; refer to the trouble with England and France over their assistance to the Confederacy; bring in Rome's support of the South; and expose the plotting assassins of Lincoln's own household.

2. The story of the downfall of Frank A. Vanderlip, who was "broken" on the wheel of "Big Business" because he turned his private fortune to fight in retaliation for his dismissal as head of the National City Bank. His account of the line-up against him and the result should be most edifying, and ought to go in The Independent because of Mr. Ford's struggles with Wall Street.

3. The story of the spy system as it is brought to bear on individuals since the World War, and as it has operated in the case of General Mitchell, Mrs. Zachary Lansdowne, and others who have turned against the current.

4. The War Department has never inventoried its left-over war supplies, estimated to be stored in some 200 warehouses all over the country and worth $700,000,000.

Very truly,

Geo. M. Battey, Jr.

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