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BAKER BROTHERS

BEEF AND PORK PRODUCTS

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*Pardon the typhoid
It's much more severe
than my hand*

My dear Mr & Mrs Luthy,

Presumably I am the most utterly impossible individual on this mundane sphere and about as impossible as Houghtaling's hot-air pump. There is a plea in mitigation and it is offered in abatement. Some evil geni possessed me and in my earthly career don't know when I have suffered more than I have since early fall. Acute naso-pharyngitis is what its termed. The muscles of the throat feel as if theywere continually raw and continually irritated. You can appreciate when you realize that I have gone from 182 lbs to 163 lbs. Some of the things necessary tothe conduct of the business have been neglected and with Amsterdam on my hands times have been, indeed, troublous.

To add to the pleasure I had made application for a very goodsized policy of life insurance and after the microscopical examination, was rejected. Nephritis i.e., kidney affection, was the difficulty. It came as a shock. Last night Dr Gordinier of Troy, who is considered an unusually able physician gave me a most thorough bodily examination and said he was satisfied that the external examination revealed nothing and was good. To-morrow am going to the Bender laboratory at Albany for the blood and microscopic tests. It has been a source of much agitation. Personally, I believe, I am physically alright but that owing to the strain of the pharyngitis am temporarily disturbed. The exam last night would seem to confirm it. Enough of ills.

The neckties were fine. In fact have been much admired in the office. Mrs Baker who writes more regularly than I have-recently-has in all probability acknowledged the beautiful vase. It is really fine work. The glaze and finish is marvellous. The subject is excellent and the drawing precise. It is a very fine work and merits a world of praise. Assure *you* that Mrs B-- and myself appreciate and thoroughly regard both the work and your kindness.

Will write Mr Luthy again shortly after I have again visited the capitol. Thus far nothing has had proper attention from me and I have been in the frame of mind where the only thing I could, think about, see about or do was pharyngitis. Visited the MD as often as three times a day. With kindest wishes and most cordial wishes for a congenial year, remain

Yours,
B. B. Baker