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May 2nd, 1911.

My dear Mrs Smith:

Just
one year ago, I wrote to
you, enclosing sixteen
cents or so, in postage
stamps, and explain-
ing just how it happen-
ed to owe it to you. I
have felt a little re-
fraind that it never
reached you, and so
I am going to try a-

gain, enclosing the
postage that I already
owe you, and extra
postage for a possible
reply. Your "Living
In The Sunshine" is
the inspiration of
my life. I keep it
always within reach
of my hand, and
cannot tell you what
a blessing it has been,
and is, to me. But

sometimes I long
for a more direct,
personal word from
you. In the first
place, I have been
for years a fairly
successful writer of
newspaper and mag-
azine verse. I have
always been great-
ly troubled as to
whether it was right
for me to contribute

to publications which
admitted liquor ad-
vertisements to its col-
umns. My idea was
that if an article
of mine increased
the sale of any issue
of a magazine, or
paper, even if it was
by only a dozen copies,
was it not, by just
that much, spread-
ing, and distributing,
a liquor advertisement

Not technically, merely,
ly, but actually. This
perplexity has been
very real and pain-
ful, and has hamper-
ed and cramped
me very much. More-
over, it happens that
I own a large inter-
est in one of the
most noted mineral
springs in the
world. The advertis-
ing is of great im-

partance, and the
very same question
comes up. The five
other members of my
family, who own
the spring jointly
with me, are con-
scientious, upright
persons, but simply
could not under-
stand any scruples
on that point, and
I feel perplexed, and
troubled. The spring

is not only of immense
monetary value, but
does an untold a-
mount of good in re-
lieving pain, and
in curing disease.
Then, it has seemed
absolutely necessary
that during the sum-
mer months, the hotel
and cottages at the
spring should be
kept open for visit-
ors. There is no effort

at all to attract the
gay, or the fashion-
able. We are absolute-
ly not in that line of
business. It is simply
that the sick and
the suffering wish
to come. It seems un-
doubtedly fair to permit them
to do so, and it al-
so seems so necessary,
as rather, desirable
advertisement. Now
my father, was one

of the most devoted
Christians, and an
earnest Methodist;
but he had been rais-
ed an Episcopalian,
and never thought
that dancing, un-
der certain restrictions,
was objectionable. There-
fore, during his life-
time, the manager
of the place was al-
ways permitted to
have dancing for the

quests from eight
to ten in the even-
ing. It was merely
intended as a bit
of brightness to
enliven the visitors,
many of whom sadly
needed a little di-
version. Personally, I
cannot see valid
objection to a pretty
reel, quadrille, or
any square dance,
and the more I see

of life, the more I
see that a little
fun of a rational
kind is sadly need-
ed; on the other hand
I never liked round
dancing, neither by
the way, did my fath-
er. If I say that I
am unwilling to per-
mit the dancing at
the place, it will un-
speakably annoy
other members of my

family, who are sincere Christians, and sincere in not objecting to dancing. I am only one of six owners. I have not known what to do. A good deal of the dancing is square dancing. The round dancing amounts to very little. And yet I feel sure that if I was the sole owner, I would rather not permit it.

I earnestly desire light
and help in this mat-
ter.

Then, I am an ardent
student of Shakespear,
to witness the most
wholesome of Shakes-
pear's plays, is the
keenest intellectual
pleasure that I ever
know. It sometimes
happens, however, that
the finest productions
of Shakespear are
staged under the aus-

Prices of theatrical tracts
whose general line of
plays, is not good. It
then becomes a quest-
ion, whether I may
witness the glori-
ous Shakespearean
production, for what
it is to me, or wheth-
er I am wrong to
patronize a trust
whose general repu-
tation is not good.
Dear Mrs Smith,

you have helped me
marvelously in the
past. If it is entirely
convenient, I would
greatly appreciate
a line from you. And
dear Mrs Smith, out
of your loving heart,
would you say just
one word of ~~prayer~~
prayer for me, that
God will open my
eyes to see more clear-
ly what he would have

me to do, in the great-
est things that
trouble me.

With love, and
gratitude, and all
beautiful wishes,
I am cordially yours,

Hate J. Good.

Miss Hate J. Good,
Loydton,
Virginia.