

Nov. 19th. 1899.

My Dear Mrs. Kelley;

Your letter and check received.

Thank you very much. This entirely wipes out your indebtedness to me and to the house, I am sure it was very little. At any time if I have an extra cent and you are at all pressed for money I wish you would feel free to ask for a loan.

I think it is a little too much for a mind like yours to have to face the question of finances when you might be doing much more valuable work for the country. The balance of us who have not fertile brains ought to do the toiling and the few like your self should be outside of the bread and butter toil.

But you see things are not rightly done. Do you know I have been almost in the state in which Amanda Johnson was when she threw* up her position finally. I criticised her then because she did not hold on and come out ahead. I thought she was not *big enough* for the place, and it bothered me because she practically admitted it by quitting. I have been very much worn out, no vacation and all sorts of hours. Moving, and the thousand and one things incident to it? Altogether I have been almost floored, but happy I am coming out ahead. No one more than I realizes that I was almost ready to topple over, Our new place requires much more help and it has been a sore trial procuring the right people. More employees means more expenditure and altogether it has been very hard.

The bare fact that I admit it must mean a good deal for I do not
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Here to say the cheering word and to keep the third floor folk quiet at midnight. I have spoken my mind on the subject but I have not the nice way you have of getting what is mine by right and at the same time not offending. I claim the right of sleeping and not being unnecessarily disturbed.

Think I had better quit complaining or you will think I am degenerating. After Dec 1st. I am going to have an assistant.

-Web- We will all be glad to see the Kelleys at Christmas. Tell Ko to cheer up, this is a great experience for him. Nothing like experience in this world.

With love to both I am,

Sincerely,

Ida Foster Cronk