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Kennett Square, Pa.
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Dear Mrs Russell,

As I am writing this letter it is because after saying my prayers in the past several days your picture keeping coming and repeating its self in front of me and seems as if God were tell me to get in touch with you to seek your advice & guidance.

I don't know how to write & explain to you what my problem really is, since it is very hard to make anyone understand how hard & sad things have been for me & my family as I have tried to keep anyone from knowing except God and a few in our small town.

We are very poor with barely enough to eat at any time and just old clothes which I have gotten outside and tried to fix up. This has been caused by a great deal of sickness in our home in the past eight years, followed with a great many unexpected things coming up causing us to have a great many debts, such as keeping a housekeeper. Mrs Russell, I am a young mother of 30 yrs of age, my husband is 34. We have six very lovely youngsters which we are very proud to have. Our problem is concerning not only their health, but also their welfare so that we might get help to get on our feet again and not be considered failures. We have gotten some help from different groups in our small town, also some of our hospital bills were done as charity. But it seems that people will talk and two years ago was the last time I have asked because some children at school hurt

and by telling them that their mother did this & so & so felt that
I as a mother was deeply hurt, but no one would have ever known it as
I never get angry or cross and do not discuss things with them of this matter
Mrs Rosevelt, three years ago we had to ^{move} our house in town was being
remodeled into apartment; this added also another burden to our list
because I had been hospitalized for over 2 months & had just gotten
home, we were unable to rent because people now do not believe in
having children in these homes any more. But Thank God we do.
At this time I was forced to sell our household goods the only worldly
goods we had to buy a small feed shed for which we have ^{made} ~~have~~
home in these last three years. Might I at this ^{time} say that I have a very
wonderful, sober, & good Christian husband and ~~as~~ family we have kept
happy to a certain point even though these problems have arose
and keep him & myself with a great deal of sorrowment at all times.
Daddy works every day as a laborer, but his salary is very small with
which to raise six children and neither one of us had the chance
to be able to finish school, as we also came from poor families.
Mrs Rosevelt, I am ~~not~~ faced with a problem which I can not
find any source with ^{which} to get help. I have tried to borrow money at
the bank and also from Loan Co., but these ~~keep~~ telling me that
we do not have enough security with which to loan us money as
I want this money to get all of our debts as one bill & then to use
the balance to buy some clothes & shoes for the children for they
have not had any in the past 2 1/2 yrs. I would like to buy some extra
food & I am sure that this is part of our trouble that the children
have not had the right & proper food lately. If only we had enough
to get some chicken & hogs or a calf so that in the future we could
have something for children to work with & help them also to get over

The way in which we have had to live in the past few years.
Mrs Russell, I do hope that you can give me some help or guidance
in this hour of need, I know if I could only sit down and talk to you
personally explain all things that have happen & the sadness
so very that come in our lives a true young citizen surely you would
understand more clearly. My husband has gotten to the point
where he believe everyone is against him & not going to be able to
help him, so as the mother of these children I have not given
up my faith in the almighty God that there must still
be a way to help these children to go out in this world and
see that God intends for ever one to have it equal.

Please excuse this writing as I sit here & cry trying in the best way I
know how to explain this, yet it doesn't seem right that I should even
though I would like someone to help me if only they could
with out my dear children finding it out as they certainly
are a wonderful group. My baby Abigail is sitting next
to me singing the piece about pete rabbit with a big happy
smile on her face so you can almost see why I must go
on having faith until some good come our way.
A answer from you would certainly be more than appreciate
and may God repay you for your kindness & understanding

Mrs Margaret E. Thomas
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A friend
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