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Washington, Dec. 24th 1878.

My dear father

Your letter of the 7th was received right before last. I very cheerfully send you the twenty dollars, which, as you say is necessary to your going home for sale. It is singular that you should have forgotten a judgment against you, and it is remarkable that the plaintiff should have let you forget it, particularly as I suppose you have always been prompt to satisfy a judgment of that amount. Perhaps he thought it would be well to be sure you have not paid it, or at least, that you could not prove you have paid it. Give my love to Mother, and all the children.

Affectionately, your son

Abraham

Dear Johnstone

Your request for eighty dollars, I was not able to comply with now. At the various times, when I have helped you a little, you have said to me, "I am going along very well now." But in a very short time you are in the same difficulty again. Now this can only happen by some defect in your conduct. What that defect is, I do not know. You are not lazy, and still you are in trouble.

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The first part of the paper
is devoted to a general
discussion of the
subject. The second part
contains a detailed
account of the
experiments. The third part
gives the results of the
experiments. The fourth part
contains a summary of the
work. The fifth part
contains a list of references.

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I doubt whether since I saw you, you have done a good
whole days work, in any one day. - You do not very much
dislike to work, and still you do not work much, merely
because it does not seem to you that you could get much
for it. - The habit of uselessly wasting time, is the whole
difficulty, and it is vastly important to you, and still
more so to your ^{children}, that you should break this habit. - It
is more important to them, because they have longer to live, and
can keep out of an idle habit before they are in it, and
then they can get out after they are in.

You are now in need of some ready money, and what I
propose is that you shall go to work with me and mine for
a day, and we will give you a good deal of it. - The following

is the change of things at mine a piece of
land in the crop, and you go to work for the best money
days, or the discharge of any debt you are, that you can get.

And to secure you a fair reward for your labor, I now promise you
that for every dollar you will, between this and the first
of next May, get for your own labor, either in money, or in
an equivalent, I will then give you one other dollar.

By this, if you live yourself at ten dollars a month, from now
you will get ten more, making twenty dollars a month for
your work. In this, I do not promise you shall go off to
St. Louis, or the lead mine, or the silver mine, or any

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... .. Now if you
 will do this, you will not be out of debt and what
 is better, you will have a letter that will keep you
 getting a debt again. But if I should let you
 out, next year you will be just as deep in debt. You
 say you would sell your place in Woodbury for \$1000.
 How you value your place in Woodbury very cheap for I am
 with the offer I have made you twenty dollars for your
 and you can get the money in fifty dollars for your
 worth work. You are afraid of the money you will
 need on the land, but if you want to pay the money, but
 you will sell your place in Woodbury for \$1000.
 Now, with the land, you can have the land without it.
 You have a grass field and do not mean
 to put it in your. On the contrary, you will
 my money, you will find it worth more than fifty
 dollars to you. Affectionately
 Your brother
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