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So you are general roustabout around the ranch, are you? I imagine there are several odd jobs for you all, time.

I have been wondering what you did with the ginseng I found over in the woods. It will be all right where it is if you didn't get another bed for it.

Sam, you would sure get lost in this town. It is about 7 miles from here to what is called up-town, but there is “town” all the way from here Chicago ends so you see it is pretty good sized, 17 miles from outside to centre.

You would open your eyes at the number and kinds of automobiles. There are some like those at Charleston, then there are still larger ones with tops like a carriage, then there are auto-cabs with man sitting up on top like

that, and then there are auto-buggies

that look like spiders sailing around, then there is the racing auto something like

then the auto-dray for hauling heavy stuff. There are lots of bicycles run by a small gas engine. Some these have three wheels something like a tricycle
with a seat for another person, or a box to carry bundles.

Old Fleet would sure balk if she tried to pull some of the loads I have seen here. Sometimes they stick with a load right on level ground on the pavement too, and they have to turn the horses and pull in every direction. The horses just make the sparks fly from the cobble stones with their hooves. Have seen half a dozen dead horses on the streets, and one had been killed by a street car.

Montgomery Ward and Co. work later than the other big stores. Their ten stories are lit up after the other big stores are dark.

You ought to see the Chicago river. It runs right through the town. When a large boat comes in from the lake the bridges across the river are too low for the masts and must be got out of the way. Some of the bridges fold up like this to let the boat through and some swing in the centre and leave a space on each side for boats to pass through.

Don't let those fellows hunt any more than you can help. Want a few rabbits left for Christmas.
Suppose you have a lot of walnuts gathered. They will taste mighty fine. Saw some on sale here and they were high, so much a quart, I don't remember what.

I will have to stop. Now Sam you need not stop at just that one letter.

Yours truly,

Paul