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My Dear Mr. Merrill

I have yours of Feb. 5th with blanks
enclosed, for which I am much obliged
Please save all you can from your scrap
basket, no matter how many of a kind,
as I can make good use of any number.
You have doubtless received my
second letter about the Ballou
matter, after learning to my disgust that
they would not pay more than \$3000.⁰⁰,
and wanted a young man to "grow up"
with the affair, which means to impose
on it all kinds of juvenile credits
and interference. No plan of operation
is yet decided on, and they want more
than anything else, some one of experience
to plan for them, ~~first~~ a large know-
ledge of the world, and the objects most
worthy of attention of students and school-
ars: yet they ask for a young man
of 3000.⁰⁰! I have no patience with
such things, and as the thing is
so far at an end it is not worth while
to discuss it any further