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My dear Mrs. Pollock,

You must think I am the worst letter writer that ever lived and you would be so right! The reason that I have not written before is that I misplaced your address. Please forgive me. But two days ago, it turned up.

Two of my friends have been asking me, over and over, where is the Jules Robidoux diary. They are Martin Eichenlaub, of Bonne Terre, Mo., who has told me over and over that it should be given to ~~one~~ ~~one~~ of the state collections. I think he is interested in the Missouri and ~~Stk~~ Columbia collections, both.

But Mrs. Isabel Evans, reference librarian and also public librarian ^{in charge of} the public library here, is greatly interested in the diary. She thinks it should belong to the city where the diary was written. There is reason on both sides. And I am right in the middle!

I hope that nothing has happened to the precious diary to harm it, and would love to hear from you on the subject, hoping that

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you will be so kind as to pardon me for my long silence. I do hope no harm has come to the diary meanwhile.

Both Isabel and Martin are very serious and concerned on the subject of the diary, and I have tried ~~kkkkkkkk~~ in my letter, to be fair also. I will never forget how thrilled I was when you first brought the diary into the editorial department of the News-Press!

Both Martin Eichenlaub and Isabel are on the square and have good logic, each, on the subject. But you have the decision, of course. ~~Both are on the square.~~

Their addresses are

Martin Eichenlaub,
Bonne Terre, Mo.

and

Mrs. Isabel Evans

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Thank you. Do let me hear from
you and forgive me!
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