January 25, 1936

Mr. J. F. Bertschinger
Egg Harbor, Wisconsin

My dear Mr. Bertschinger:

I am writing this short note to find out how you are getting along through this cold weather.

I have not been able to go to Rock Island since I saw you and it will be the middle of February before I can get there. Was the hay delivered that we were speaking about when I saw you last? I very seldom get letters from Rock Island in the middle of the winter. The men out there do not seem to be any more inclined to write letters than I am here in Chicago.

I am sending, herewith, a clipping that reminded me of the Alpine Inn. It surely should have a toboggan slide and a ski slide. I do not know of any place better adapted for a winter result than your hotel. That reminds me of one of my countrymen in Winnipeg who made a great improvement on the Canadian toboggan slide. He built one on the steep bank of the Red River and he made a double slide so that after going down one slide all that was necessary was to climb a stairway for another one, whereby they could slide the same distance back again. He was thereby able to get about ten times as much service at the same time as if there were only one slide. He made good money and that idea has been repeated elsewhere in Canada.

Hoping to be able to see you on my way north, I remain

Yours very truly,

C. H. THORDARSON

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