As regards Clara Lee - the money must be coll^d & sent us - we are without funds & in debt - money is very scarce & I cannot borrow one dollar - we are having a hard pinch among merchants & the money promised by the Yankees will not be paid till next year. We are on Reach of Jacob!!! Don't tell this - no one need know it but our Comm^e & our next year receipts will pay it.

Mr Taylor wishes me today to feed the Bulls well & gain a year - he must be put to care till spring & then carefully except Hence home. I am sorry to hear My house is so low - Can't you seal a few rooms & go into it & do nothing more till summer - My valued wife must be well cared for.

Receive haste - I have 30 letters to write - Remember me to Hamilton - include Mr W T Spaniel

My P T Barnum