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Letter from Homer Dampeer

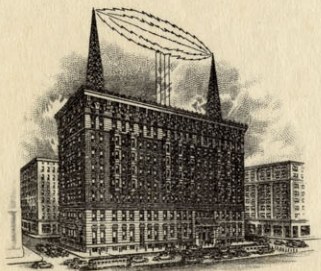
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NEW ORLEANS, LA. Oct 4th 1936

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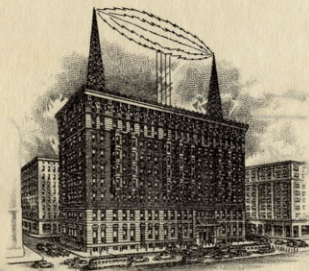
Dear Sir:

I am writing you a confidential letter & ask you very kindly to read & give same your careful consideration. I was born at old Westville Jan'y 25th 1878 & my father was the late W.W. Dampier, who was a whole brother to my late Aunt Charlie M. Laskie, whom I am sure you knew ^{both} quite well. I haven't lived in Miss in several years & done office work all my life until 4 1/2 yrs old when I tried farming. Knowing nothing about it I lost \$2500.00 cash in 1920-21 & 22 & you remember what 1920 was. Cotton went from 40¢ to nothing - On top of that I stuck to farming & learned to be a very good farmer & worked like a negro until 4 yrs ago when Dr advised me to stay out of field - my wife & I came to N. O. year ago last June & bought out a rooming house.

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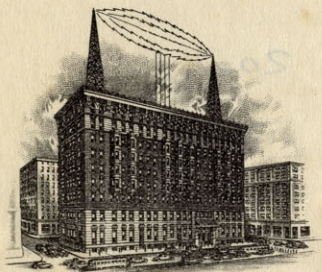
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but overhead was so great could not make it without running a regular sporting house & we would not do it. Besides we were too good to people & let them beat us out of 125⁰⁰ & we finally went broke & lost every thing we had - we have a little money owing us that we will get but don't know just when. Now Mr Williams you don't know me but for the sake of my dear old Father & Aunt Charitie I am calling on you to please take a chance & grant me a small ^{personal} loan of \$2000 & give me 6 months, (rather a long time for a small loan) in which to pay you \$2200 - my wife has heart, kidney & bladder trouble & I am having a time trying to make ends meet. My wife's insurance policy has expired & unless I can revive it by Wednesday the 7th I'll lose same & God knows I don't want to lose her policy.

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if she were to die tonight, I could not
bury her. Mr Williams I would not lie to
you for \$20.00 & we are in dire need of this
money & I beg you to open your heart
& let me have this small personal loan for
God in heaven being my keeper I'll pay
you on or before apr 1st 1937 to help me
God. my oldest sister married Jim Walker
at Mt Oliv & they would gladly help me, but
Jim simply hasent got it. Again I urge you
to kindly do this for me by return mail.
& you will never regret it. Please do
not reveal this to a soul, but help me out & then
if I fail to pay you, why you may gladly
expose me. Hoping to hear favorably asonee
& with very best wishes, I am

Respectfully
Homer S Dampleer
% Stratford Hotel
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Now I do not drink, smoke
or gamble, but we are badly in need
very one right now that I can call
on - We have a room at Stratford Hotel
which is a small cheap 20 room hotel -
Mr Williams don't turn me down please -

