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My Dear Mr. Minns,

Today's mail brought you letter of 31st ult; and the evidence of your wisdom and guaranteed future happiness. My warm congratulations & best wishes for your bride elect. You are starting the new year & the new Century under most favorable auspices, & I trust you will realize a full measure of happiness & prosperity; both of which you justly deserve. The turn affairs have taken with the Times is quite a surprise to me, & a hurried letter from my wife last night took my breath away. I authorized Minns to do the best he could about leaving paper, & I thought you had been offered offed it & did not care to leave it all. Then all negotiations seems to be off, & I presumed you would continue as long as it was to our mutual liking. I have not heard from Minns only through Mrs. Looman, who received a telegram to come to Ipswich by Jan 1st. I had just written my wife telling her that I regarded it as one of the

question to take up your Nov. Before she
 we'd my letter she had answered Morris at
 again favorable, & perhaps ^{it} was forwarded
 to her. My wife & my brothers here had
 nothing but favorable comment on your
 conduct of the Times, & I think you have
 had no unfavorable criticism from me.
 You are the most efficient man both as
 a newspaper man, & business I even here
 have had, & have cheerfully paid you the best
 salary I ever paid any one in the position.
 And I regard the salary less than a
 proper amount for the man or for a man
 of your capacity. I was not consulted
 about this last move on the Chess-
 board, & I certainly would not knowingly have
 done you an injustice. My brothers have
 been more than kind to me in my sickness
 & trouble, & I need not well fail to
 satisfy anything they may do, as they be-
 lieve, in my interests. I have a reason-
 able hope of getting back enough of
 health & strength to take up business
 again, but I am still held here at a
 most distressing expense while my fair
 wife is bravely sacrificing herself for
 me - standing over our little family and

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want. I am glad you like *Triculover*
if there was room for even more
than one paper in *Triculover*. I should
be glad of an honorable competition
such as I know must come from you.

As your plans may not be at once
matured I hope you & Mrs. Jennison may
find it to your mutual interest to take
some of the work off of her at least tempo-
rarily. I believe if you were freed from the
Editorial Work, you would have time
to keep us the business & corners, & soliciting
ads & subs & perhaps the local work, that
you could soon increase the business to
the point of justifying a fair salary.

I merely ~~through~~ know out this, as I
know Mrs. Jennison will be obliged
to have some help, but I must of-
course leave everything to her, as I
am not on the ground & she is a better
judge of the most advantageous arrange-
ment. If you see fit you might show this
letter to Mrs. Jennison. I appreciate the
kind expressions in your letter.

With kindest regards I am

Yours truly & sincerely W. C. Jennison