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T. C. McClellan,
Birmingham, Ala.

Tom:

Yours of the 24th inst. received and just read. As it is quite plain and to the point, I feel justified in answering in like tenor.

First of all—I do not owe you one cent for rent, nor do I now owe your Mother any instalment as same has been paid in full up to Sept. 1st. For the remainder of the year I will mail you your rent check on the first of each month—in advance—and I shall expect you to be equally as kind and pay me your mother's board in advance. I have never tried to evade any honest debt I owed and I refrained from writing you as I did now ant to say what I am now going to say to you.

For years your Mother has made her home with me, visiting you about two or three weeks out of the year. The board received was wholly inadequate to the inconvenience and unpleasantness I have suffered. The pittance you paid for the first year after you moved to Birmingham and the

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plea you made of "starting life over again" was rather nauseating to a man who had lost \$75,000 without a whimper in the slump of 1921. The money you contribute to and for your mother is doubtless given from plethoric fees, but I have been forced to surrender the pleasures of an undisturbed home-life for at least fifty weeks out of the year. ~~XX~~ I am perfectly frank to say to you that it has all but broken up what should have been a very happy home. Especially irksome has it been during the past two or three years when I was struggling with financial difficulties and with indifferent health.

In making these candid statements it is only fair to Mrs. McClellan to state that she has never, in any way, attempted to interfere with my affairs, but possibly you will be able to realize my position when I state that there is absolutely no congeniality between us and ~~xxxxxx~~ you can imagine just how pleasant it is to live in the same house with an uncongenial person. I am sure it would be just as difficult and unpleasant to Miss Sue as it ~~xxxx~~ it is to me, were your moth-

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er to make her home permanently with you. I know for me it has been a living hell.

And now I have but one favor to ask of you--for my sake arrange to have your mother visit you for one, two or three months immediately in order that I may have a much needed rest; that I may enjoy my hwn home without feeling cramped or hindered, by the presence of an outsider.

As to your building, your letter evidently gives me permission to move out before the expiration of the year's contract and if I can arrange to secure the place I want before then I will move immediately. Otherwise, I will occupy your building until ~~xxxxxx~~ the end of the current year under my lease agreement, with you.