

71 West 88th St.
New York City,

My dear Miss Wacker,

Believe me you
are quite welcome to any advice
I can give you though I fear it
may sound to you a bit too
simple to be good - Briefly it
is just this - If you wish to
send your verse send it promptly
to the magazine after another
until it finds an appreciative
Editor - You can judge from
your own reading what style

You are mistaken - I wrote for years
from Newark - N. J. & have never in
my life offered a MSS to an
Editor in person - It is a
mistaken idea that either friendship
or that delightful quality known
as pull will aid me in literary
work - I repeat that the quality
of one's work is the sole & only
thing to be depended upon -

Therefore if you trust yourself
send your poems out, typed if
possible, & keep on the reading
them until the condemners of opinion
show you they are not available -

I use appeal to certain
magazines - Don't mind if a poem
comes back a dozen times, an editor
is only an individual with a
certain taste of his own - & the MSS
he rejects may appeal to
another - I am absolutely sure
of one thing - If your work is good
it will find its market -
The magazines are only too eager
to find new writers - but the
work must be its own recommendation -
You say that to live in New
York is half the battle - Indeed

Please forgive this lofty sermon but
it is the only subject in the
world which I know anything
about & I grow verbose in consequence.

Good luck to you - I shall look
for your name after this & be very
happy when I find it -

Most Sincerely yours.

Theodosia Garrison

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