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Chebeague Is.  
Casco Bay -

me -  
July 1.

My dear Mrs Cunningham.

Will you help a poor devil  
in distress. I've had a long talk with  
Paterson - Smyth senior and tho he is  
not exactly impressed with his daugh-  
ter's economic value. In fact he was  
rude enough to call me an "uneducated  
child" he is a very kind and sensible  
pa and has given me three months to  
try and find a job to my liking if not  
back to the farm (i.e. University) for me  
which is about as sensible an agreement  
as anyone could come to.

Of course what I want - more than  
anything else. is a try at one of those  
under-organizers or sub organizers or what  
ever you call it - under you. If you  
did see your way to it I could at  
least promise you all the enthous-

siastic energy I possess - for you know even  
if it was not suffrage I'd do just about  
anything for you + 1 accent. & my youth  
which has increased<sup>ed</sup> to my surprise &  
delight I find I am only 22 when I thought  
I was 23. - But even if you get your  
budget - you need tremendously good  
workers so I'm not cadging for a job  
unless all fish fail. What I do want  
you to do - if you think it is any use.  
and not too much trouble is to forward  
the enclosed to some one at the national  
& please put in a word for me & say  
I'm a "willing worker." I am afraid this  
is an awful lot of trouble to you - if so don't  
do it.

My sister & I - plus two babies, two  
suitcases, one cradle, one ice-cream  
freezer with milk bottles in it - one  
wicker basket full of alcohol lamps  
arrived here last Friday in the pour.  
ing rain & freezing cold. To add to  
our troubles our trunks are lost & tramped

of tragedy - my beautiful taffeta dress  
which I prophesied so joyously would not  
stand the journey was rude enough to ful-  
fil the prophecy. I really nearly died.  
Everytime I moved I split. With great dif-  
ficulty & the expenditure of two rolls of  
adhesive plaster I managed to preserve  
the outer semblance of decency but when  
I showed the family the reverse side  
they fairly howled.

How is suffrage etc getting on? - I do  
hope the people are really grasping  
things and backing you up - especially  
financially! I'm still on the look out  
for my millionaire. Has Miss Engle beat-  
en me to it? There was a man on the  
boat coming here who had a distinct-  
ly millionairish look. I made a great  
impression on him but forgot to exchange  
names - so I lost him & suffrage lost  
\$  
300 000 a year. Such is life.

well - as I have to concoct a sober

letter to you - and have at last found  
some decent note paper. I'll bore you  
no longer.

I hope you saw that I kept my  
word about that pathetic \$120. I  
handed over at least the promises to  
Mrs Meyer before I left.

Oh - thank you for being so awfully  
nice and friendly with me even when  
you could be excused for not having  
time to even recognise me. Somehow  
when I feel things much I'm like a  
bottle with too small a ~~ca~~ neck.  
I only gurgled feebly.

As ever -

Yours very affectionately

Jessie Parsonson, H.

P.S. This requires absolutely no answer.  
If you think there is any chance of my getting  
a job - please pass the enclosed letter on  
if not - just let it slide - I'll understand.  
Please remember me to Mrs League & Miss  
Engle. Tell Miss Engle I'm a year younger than I thought  
I was!