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Dear Sister;

Your letter of the 25th. inst. received. m
No human could possibly hate a family quarrel as I do and I am not going to permit Campbell to draw me into one try as he may. This is the very last letter I shall ever write about it. I thought over the matter two or three days before I wrote to Tom and I wrote him because it was due my family - my wife and her children.

You and mother think I have abused and mistreated Campbell dreadfully. This is not correct. Quite a while ago he assumed an attitude of criticism of every thing I would do; he got the idea he was too big a man to run a typewriter and wanted me to get him a stenographer. The business did not justify it and I could not do it. He said he wouldnt sit at a machine all day and hex went from bad to worse until finally to ever get any thing out of him at all it would be necessary for me to go in and demand the work by a certain hour. This was always repulsive to me. He complains that I never told him any thing. He had access to all the files at all times and has always known as much about the business as I have; and then when I would call him to talk matters over sometimes he would start in on a list of complaints and kicks against me and every thing about the place until I got disgusted and simply quit. I have been very active in business for nearly twenty years and have had many clerks, stenographers and assistants, and he is the first one with whom I have ever even had an unpleasantness. This ought to be proof that I am not the incarnate fiend he so voluminously pictures to you and mother. He has never gotten along with any one here, not a stenographer, auto driver, not his own preachers nor any one else. He has never realized that he is a man, but acts like a big spoiled boy, is the worst old maid I ever saw, whines and grumbles about every thing and if the truth must be said is exceedingly unpopular here. I am making no effort to disparage him to you but am simply stating facts all easily susceptible to easy proof to any one who cares to prove them.

I got along with him any way. Did a lot of his work myself and put up with his insolence to me and refusal to do what he was paid to do simply because he is a brother. I was totally unaware that any family feud existed until he got to San Antonio and at that safe distance wrote me a three page letter of abuse of myself and to my utter astonishment and grief devoted two pages of it to abusing my wife. He accused her of about every thing he could think of and stated she had insulted he and his wife by coming to

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their house and taking dinner several times uninvited etc. etc. My wife had insulted mother by giving her for a birthday present a collar, which I know my wife bought, but which he charged was second hand, and a lot more such stuff that ought to be beneath the notice of a man.

I answered his letter and he came back at me with another closely written three pages in which he charged me with every thing his imagination could conjure up. I had cheated him out of his education, I had lied to him, I had not kept engagements, and finally I am a hypocrit - I make nice prayers in church and then fail to live up to them. He tore open the most sacred precincts of my home life, spared nothing and said my whole family is against my wife, dont want her around, have no use for her etc etc. I cant begin to repeat all he did say nor will I try, but he has failed to use any common sense or decency towards me and mine, and has hurt me more than I ever dreamed possible.

What I said to Tom was that I am going to stay by my wife. She has her faults just as all of us have but she has'nt done Campbell any harm not any of the other members of my family. I said to Tom that I will never knowingly darken the door of any home that doesnt welcome my wife with me.

While you were here last winter you didnt seem to want to spend any time at all at my house, and I noticed it at the time. Notwithstanding we repeatedly asked mother to come down she came only three or four times during her stay which I also noticed. I said nothing about it at the time giving to every one the privileg of spending their time where it most pleases them, but since Campbell so brazenly tells me that my family all hate my wife I begin to realize that your and mother staying away from my house must have been due to the poisin he has been pouring out against me and mine for the past year or two.

I do not think you should have taken his side of the case without an explanation. There are always two sides and I say to

you in all truth that this whole affairis due to Campellell's imaginary troubles and there is no excuse for any of it. He has succeeded in estranging me from all the me mbers of my family and tried to turn me against my wife and break up my home, but in the last he will not succeed. I do not need any sympathy on account of my home life; it being in fact much happier than the large majority; I know my wife has the highest regard for my people, has never harmed any of them and if they dont want to accept her with me then we will both stay away. This is the last letter I will ever write to any one about the subject. If the truth as it has been stated is not believed, then we will all go our respective ways. I do not hold any unkind feelings towards any one except Campbell and I will have nothing more to do with him. As far as I am concerned it is all passed.

Sincerely your brother

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