

July 12 1927.

Mr. E. M. Crane,  
Belleville, Kansas.

Dear Mr. Crane:-

Having been thru the mill myself I can appreciate the condition of one who is hard up for money. I am writing this letter myself instead of dictating it, which will account for errors.

I am a member of the Board of Memorial Hospital where your daughter, Lucile, was operated some months ago, and at our last meeting the Superintendent said:- "Here is a bill that I think we ought to place with a lawyer for collection." When I found it was your bill I asked that it be given me and I would try to handle it.

It looks now as if your part of the state was going to have the best wheat crop for years and I hope it will bring in some money for you. Here is my suggestion, Make a small payment on the bill to show good faith, and send a note for the balance payable in six months at 6 % interest. State in your letter that you may not be able to pay the note in full at maturity, but that you will do your best. I am sure that such an action on your part will be well received.

Some members of the board look upon every sorority girl as the daughter of rich parents, overlooking the fact that many of them help pay their own expenses thru school. Write us plainly stating the condition facing you as a country merchant and I feel sure they will appreciate your position.

A blank note is inclosed. The amount of the bill is \$100.75.

Lucile impresses us as being a fine girl and is showing a real interest in her work.

Sincerely Yours,

*W. C. Simons*