

Chicago, February 6th, 1893.

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Dear Sir:-

At the request of several large bankers and prominent men of Chicago, St. Paul, Milwaukee and Minneapolis, we have decided upon the publication of a work of considerable magnitude and expense, to be entitled  
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