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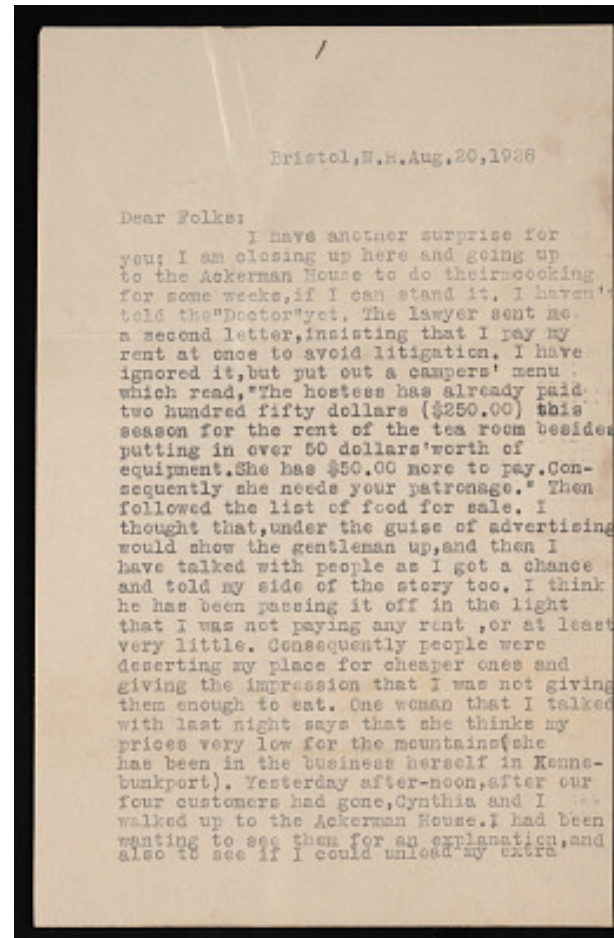
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Dear Folks:

I have another surprise for you; I am closing up here and going up to the Ackerman House to do their cooking for some weeks, if I can stand it. I haven't told the "Doctor" yet. The Lawyer sent me a second letter, insisting that I pay my rent at once to avoid litigation. I have ignored it, but put out a campers' menu which read, "The hostess has already paid two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) this season for the rent of the tea room besides putting in over 50 dollars' worth of equipment. She has \$50.00 more to pay. Consequently she needs your patronage." Then followed the list of food for sale. I thought that, under the guise of advertising would show the gentleman up, and then I have talked with people as I got a chance and told my side of the story too. I think he has been passing it off in the light that I was not paying any rent, or at least very little. Consequently people were deserting my place for cheaper ones and giving the impression that I was not giving them enough to eat. One woman that I talked with last night says that she thinks my prices very low for the mountains (she has been in the business herself in Kennebunkport). Yesterday after-noon, after our four customers had gone, Cynthia and I walked up to the Ackerman House. I had been wanting to see them for an explanation, and also to see if I could unload my extra



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