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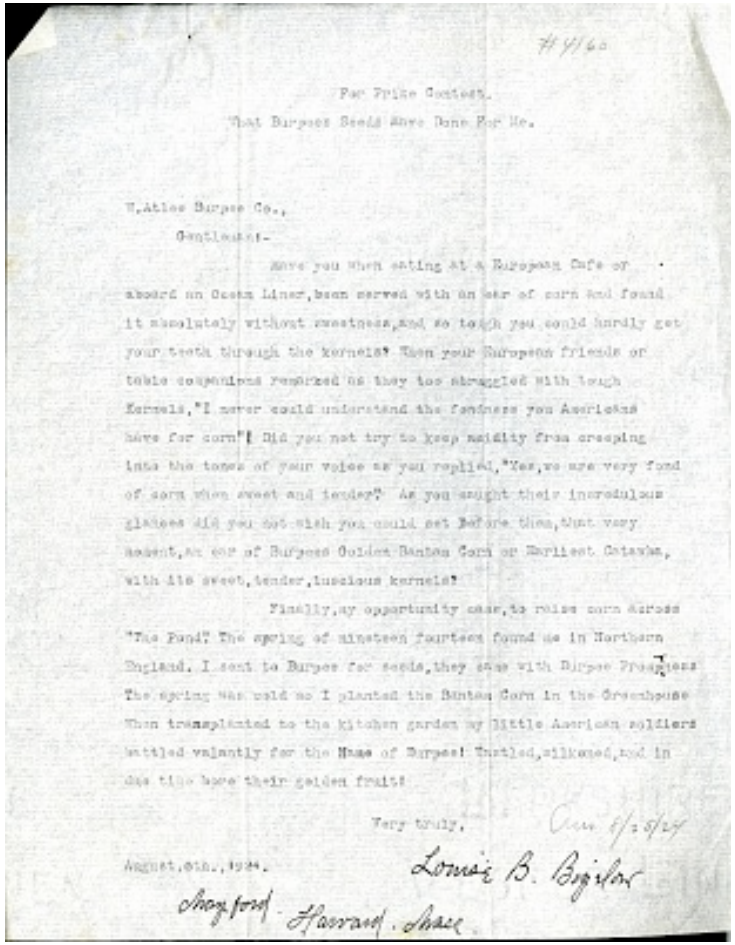
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For Prize Contest.
What Burpees Seeds Have Done For Me.

W.Atlee Burpee Co.,
Gentleman:-
Have you when eating at a European Cafe or aboard an Ocean Liner, been served with an ear of corn and found it absolutely without sweetness, and so tough you could hardly get your teeth through the kernels? When your European friends or table companions remarked as they too struggled with tough Kernels, "I never could understand the fondness you Americans have for corn"! Did you not try to keep acidity from creeping into the tones of your voice as you replied, "Yes, we are very fond of corn when sweet and tender." As you caught their incredulous glances did you not wish you could set Before them, that very moment, an ear of Burpees Golden Bantam Corn or Earliest Catawba, with its sweet, tender, luscious kernels?
Finally, my opportunity came, to raise corn across "The Pond." The spring of nineteen fourteen found me in Northern England. I sent to Burpee for seeds, they came with Burpee Promp^[T]ness The spring was cold so I planted the Bantam Corn in the Greenhouse When transplanted to the kitchen garden my little American soldiers battled valantly for the Name of Burpee! Tastled, silkoned, and in due time bore their golden fruit!

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