

Riverside, Cambridge, Mass.,

Jan. 6, 1874.

My dear Hinton:

If you really know something fresh and new about Granges, I should like to have you write of them; but the subject you know has grown terribly stale in its superficial character, at least. The same is true of railroads, and European politics, and Education. But I should be glad to have you contribute, and I should think you might find something new at hand to write of; why, for instance, could you

not tell us something about your own
life as a correspondent, what a
correspondent is, his view of
life, and his attitude towards
politics and society - the phil-
-osophical facts, in short, of
your own experience. You can
make it as personal or as
impersonal as you please.

I only suggest this; but if
you think of any better topic
treat it. How you name
don't seem very fresh.

With regard to Mrs. New-
-ton,

Yours very truly

W.D. Howells.