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Dear Sir,

I hope my long acquaintance with  
your father, & will excuse the liberty I  
am taking in begging you to obtain for  
me two points of information, which  
are important to me for literary  
purposes.

I am most anxious to have an account of  
the Belgian law of debts & credits -  
especially as it affects the small credits:

& to know the process & costs of recovery -

recovery of small debts - & whether  
imprisonment for debt exists in Belgium.  
I am collecting material for a work on this  
subject - & on the modes of living of  
the poorer classes: & this brings me to  
the second point.

You state there is an association in  
Antwerp for the distribution of soup to  
the poor - at 8 centimes a litre. It is  
called the "economical soup" - & is,  
to the quide soup, consumed in  
enormous quantities. I am anxious  
to have the reports of the distribution; the  
rules under which the distribution is  
made; & the recipe for the soup, with  
the separate prices of the material.

I repeat, I should not venture to  
trouble you, had I, & my father before  
me, not been gratified with the friendship  
of your father.

I will only add that I should  
be deeply grateful if you will oblige  
me in the foregoing particulars

Yours faithfully

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