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Dear Father:

I received a letter from Reuchlin some days ago making inquiry about several matters relating to the farm concerning which I knew nothing. He wished to know how many acres there are of grass and hay lands, and whether the buildings have any insurance on them. He also wished to know when the renters year is supposed to end, and when the rent on meadow is due.

I am intending to start in a few days for a trip to the coast of North Carolina in the vicinity of Roanoke Island, for the purpose of making some experiments with a flying machine. It is my belief that flight is possible and while I am taking up the investigation for pleasure rather than profit, I think there is a slight possibility of achieving fame and fortune from it. It is almost the only great problem which has not been pursued by a multitude of investigators, and therefore carries carried to a point where further progress is very difficult. I am certain I can reach a point much in advance of any previous workers in this field even if complete success is not attained just at present. At any rate I shall have an outing of several weeks and see a part of the world I have never before visited.

affectionately yours