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(To Dr. Ogden from G. Cantlie).

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(This was rec'd some time (more than 2 years) after the last, and so far as I know I have never heard from or of Cantlie since - H.V.O.)

*The End of Mr. Cantlie*

My dear H. V.

I don't know whether you are alive or dead - but, if good luck the former - and I trust are well - and thriving in these times. I don't suppose I would have written you e'en now - but that I send you a copy of a song - all made by myself - my first appearance on any stage, and if you don't like it please tear it up - only don't condemn it to others - damnably and irretrievably. Its just out today, am sorry it's not one of my good ones - as its cheap music - but it has a certain rythm - can't spell that, or swing about it, that the publishers seemed to think would suit the public hoard - but that don't suit me - I have some sac red songs on the ttapis which I'll send you when out. Am fine - left Armour's four years ago - done nothing since - Spent two years at home - and you bet I'll spend all my balance as soon as can - Am studying under Seehoeck - whom you may have heard - being advised to go in to music seriously by him and Gleason and Leihling - but Harmony and Theory are the last and worst creations of God - however I'm so fond of the study I don't mind. Seehoeck wants me for a year - then to Berlin or Paris - but these musicians are mostly crazy - You see the words rhyme - they are d----- rot, but others who attempted them were rottier. I am no poet - one disease is enough - Don't you know any one who can write decent words, if so please let me hear - At any rate let me hear from you also if you can - send me Osler's and Roger's addresses like a good fellow - Address me this Club - Michigan Avenue, Chicago, as I am here every day. Do you ever come down here? Let me know when and I'll be only too glad to meet you and entertain you here - I have thousand things to speak of - and would travel far to do so - And are you married? I am not nor will be - too damned much of a musical ass - I have taken the fellows here by surprise as I never was supposed to know anything of music - and am about drunk at their expense - as the song only came out today - Au-revoir - drop me a line - and if I send you some music will you attach words? as you were poetical.

Yours ever,

G. Cantlie.