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Dear Mr. Stedman,

I think of publishing  
a limited edition of my verses  
not publicly but privately; that  
is not on sale. Your volume  
of 1873 is before me and I had  
thought to imitate it in the is-  
sue, though perhaps I will  
aim at a wider margined  
book. Have you an idea what  
your poems cost in the form  
they were then issued? My small  
book of Poems cost 300 in 1870 for  
the plates and 300 copies. Children  
destroyed the plates; they succumbed to  
Cupid's like certain supporters of tombs.  
Many of my pieces have never  
been issued but repose in the fly  
leaves of my library. I am admonished  
of the leaking of some once fluid  
energies and of it collect my stanzas