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THE HONORABLE IVAN ALLEN MAYOR OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

My dear Mr. Mayor:

Sometimes I walk around the lake in Piedmont Park. It is a beautiful park, - if you look heavenward and see all the gorgeous trees. But if you look on the ground or at the edges of the lake, the aspect is revolting. I wish you had taken a walk around the lake yesterday as I did. "America the Beautiful": is that a laugh!

But it could be beautiful, Mr. Mayor, just as our government reservations and many foreign countries are. The difference hinges on one little word: DISCIPLINE. For goodness sake get our park policemen trained to catch the pigs in the act of desecrating our recreation areas and see that some worth-remembering stiff fines are meted out. If there is any resistance let the police know they'll be backed up if someone is hurt.

Yours for at least a few spots in town which are unpolluted by the characters that use them.

Angrily yours

PHILIP S. GAGE

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Retired.

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