

Springfield, Ill.  
Sep. 4th. 1880.

James Bridges,  
Dr. Sr:

I told our mutual friend, Mr Patterson, some days ago, that I would be glad to get our fish sein a few days to set on my premises in the South Fork, on my premises, where I wish with two or three others to camp out, privately, for a few days for a test. Of course, when we get everything ready, we would like that you should come and join us. If I send for the sein, can I get it? Our plan is to set the net but in one place.

Yours truly  
John D. McClelland

P.S. Please answer!