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Mr. Charles S. Peirce, Esq.  
12 West 39th Street,  
N.Y. City.

My dear Sir:

Your letter is received, and I telegraphed at once to  
12 West 39th Street, N.Y. City:

"Send MS at once. Intend to print next week. Letter follows.

P. Carus."

I shall do my best to let your article appear in the July  
number of the MONIST. <sup>9</sup> You might have known that I am willing to  
do whatever I can for you, and that I wish to bring your ideas  
before the public as effectually as possible. <sup>So for instance,</sup> I could have had  
my reply to your first article ready to let it appear in the same  
number, <sup>with your article</sup> but I thought that it would cause a greater stir if I kept  
back with it. <sup>Being disposed toward you as I am</sup> I was <sup>very much</sup> surprised to receive a letter from  
you which I do not know whether it is intended as an insult or an  
unwarranted outbreak of temper. <sup>I shall take it as</sup> I am willing to publish articles  
of yours, and am glad to receive contributions as often as possible.  
But I must have the MSS in time. The MONIST of July 1st has to  
appear on that date in London, Eng. Therefore we must have fin-  
ished printing June 10th. Binding takes several days, for the  
sheets must dry. On June 14th they ought to be <sup>on</sup> the ocean, so as  
to arrive a few days before the first of July, in order to leave  
the dealers time enough for distribution. One number consists of  
ten forms, and every form takes about one day to print. There is  
always some delay somewhere, either with the binder or the printer,

If you are displeased with somebody, don't you ever think that the other party has a right to be heard before you jump at him with use of angry words?

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and I have learned to take this delay in account. So we ~~have to~~ *must*  
begin press work about the 25th of May. <sup>9</sup> ~~I must~~ <sup>By the way</sup> add that I never  
rely on promises of contributors, for the very greatest contrib-  
utors are <sup>as a rule,</sup> the most unreliable men in this respect. When arrang-  
ing the make-up I calculate only with what I have, and never take  
<sup>into</sup> consideration what has been promised me. I have found by ex-  
perience that this is the only way of editing. I trust that you  
have sufficient reasonableness not to expect an editor to wait  
for important contributions almost to the very day when he goes  
to press.

You write "I understood that I was to be allowed to go right  
on in successive numbers, and state my philosophy." Although I am  
willing to grant you as much space as possible, and am even glad to  
be informed about these, your intentions, I can not find, in any  
of your letters on our file, a word about such an "understanding."  
Nor can I find in the copies of my letters to you, an acceptance  
of your offer. Although your contributions are welcome, I doubt  
very much whether I would have made a promise of that kind. I nev-  
er make promises extending so much in advance without giving Mr.  
Hegeler <sup>due</sup> notice thereof. I have no objection to publishing six  
consecutive articles of yours, but I have an objection to binding *the*  
*Editor of The Monist* (i. e.,  
myself, or in case any accident would happen to me, a successor of  
mine) for more than a year ahead.

*Perhaps* You know that Mr. Hegeler wants the MONIST to represent a  
definite world view, and I edit the MONIST with the understanding  
to represent it. I accept articles from any standpoint. But when

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I publish articles that differ in some point considerably from <sup>important</sup> our position, I have to point out the difference. Accordingly, it is my duty to say something by way of reply, to your first article, not so much in criticism of your position, as in order to state the position of the MONIST. And I shall eventake the risk of your thinking me to be goose enough in risking to run foul of you before discovering what your position is.

~~I am venturing to reply to you before you have fully developed your system,~~ But, after all, I trust that

I can rely on your words, and that you will say nothing in your subsequent articles inconsistent with the ~~principles laid down in your propositions of your~~ <sup>principles laid down in</sup> ~~former~~ <sup>of yours</sup> first article, containing the principles of your inquiry. I am

very well conscious of the fact that, in not waiting till you have explained your whole scheme, I forgo a great advantage; but this consideration does not prevent me from speaking out boldly. I have a definite <sup>opinion</sup> of the problems under discussion, and have weighed every pro and con that I could think of. I know very well that all you say of yourself is true. "Few philosophers," <sup>you say,</sup> "if any," have gone to their task as well equipped as I, in the study of other systems and

of various branches of science." <sup>I know that you do not exaggerate, but that is the reason</sup> ~~And if your opinion differs~~ <sup>to give me</sup> ~~from mine, I think twice before I speak.~~ <sup>although I myself am not exactly well equipped,</sup> But I <sup>do speak because</sup> am not so anxious <sup>capitulative</sup> to come out of a discussion victorious, as to arrive at the truth.

If that be reached, I am satisfied, and should not be ashamed to alter my opinion. <sup>as all in the next days</sup> Please wire me at once whether and when I can expect your MS. <sup>I shall wait with the make-up of</sup> ~~Also how many pages it will make in the MONIST.~~ <sup>If you do not let me wait too long,</sup> ~~I shall not make up~~ <sup>(But you must not let me wait long.)</sup> the July number until I hear from you.

<sup>also,</sup> ~~You write that you wish to contribute to The Open Court. I did not know that you came to write for The Open Court.~~ <sup>I have to say that</sup> I shall be glad to have contributions from your pen to the OPEN COURT. <sup>also,</sup> ~~I~~

Yours very truly