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MAX GATE,
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Dear Sir:

I have no doubt that the epigram
you refer to occurs in almost every language
upon earth: it having been an obvious
reflection for any gloomy person from Cain
onwards - though I believe he was not a bach-
elor. I do not remember what French author
I got it from: & though most things in
literature come from the Greek, it is just
possible that he was not a plagiarist, the
impulse to such an exclamation being so
natural to a man in a state of despondency
- even if only from a slight headache.

Believe me

Yours very truly
Thomas Hardy.

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