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Miss Beverly Brunson
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Dear Miss Brunson,

Thanks for your letter of the 18th and for the snapshot, which is amusing. I am afraid this is only a very short and inadequate reply --the reason being that copies of my book have arrived, and I am buried in clerical chores of distribution lists and mailings, etc. Suddenly I am made aware of the numerous relatives, friends, and colleagues to whom I want to send copies or, in some few instances, who expect and demand a copy, inscribed in appropriate detail. I have already bought and disposed of forty copies, quite an inscribing-addressing-stamping-and-mailing job! I would have liked to send the book to you, had not my order been depleted so quickly, as I believe that you had mentioned in one of your early letters your impatience to read it. It may be that there will be copies in the shops quite soon, since the publisher (Bobbs-Merrill) has a Kansas City establishment.

Not unnaturally, I am in some suspense pending reviews (if and when they appear, probably near the official date of publication of November 30th) and have frequent spurts of apprehension, as well as occasional flashes of confidence. A few close friends or colleagues are already doing their well-intentioned best to inflate my vanity out of all proportion, and I suspect that I will succumb, sooner or later, to inordinate self-importance. I rely on my friends to sober me up at once, if symptoms appear. And to forgive me for such self-centered letters!

Hastily, with warm regards,

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