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Wm

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Now that I am back in New York -- with people instead of mountains, for a change -- and intend to be here for four or five months, you may want to have the above data filed on the chance that the SEP might some day want to get hold of me. The "office" is rather of a joke -- it's a hall bedroom with the bed replaced by a desk that looks suspiciously like a kitchen table. But it's a darn good place in which to write, and here I am most all day, after nine A.M.

I am just finishing up a two-part story which I shall send in to the Post the end of this week.

My purpose in writing is, aside from a desire to give my new address, to ask the Post for the customary return of movie rights on my recent story, "Twenty Four Hours in June" (appearing in Post for February 17). When you get around to this, may I ask you to let me have these?

Now that I am back in the East, I hope that some day I am to have the pleasure of meeting you, particularly as my plans for the months ahead seem to include very little except keeping after the Post mit short stories.

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

March 6, 1917

My dear Lewis :

Of course we want it and as many more of that grade as your plant can turn out. We prefer, however, to have them one-parters, as the two-part story is hard to get away with. As it is, I shall try to hold this story for an exceptionally large number and then use it all in one installment.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis
L - H

March 10, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

Enclosed find reassignment of
rights in your story, Twenty-four hours in
June, published in the issue of The Post
for February 17th.

Kindly acknowledge its receipt,
and oblige

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis
W-L
Enclosure

Monday.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I enclose acknowledgment of receipt of reassignment of rights in "Twenty Four Hours in June."

It was a great pleasure to meet you, Thursday, and I do hope that, as you suggested, we shall be able to get out to lunch on one of your trips here, before long.

In about two days I shall be sending you another story, but sufficient unto the day is the ms. thereof.

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
March 12, 1917.

The Editors,
The Saturday Evening Post.

Gentlemen:

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the reassignment of rights in my short story, "Twenty Four Hours in June," except for American (including Canadian) serial rights, and to express my thanks for the same.

Yours sincerely,

Wickham Lewis

March 13, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

I am glad to hear that we are soon
to see another manuscript by you.

Thank you for your acknowledgment
of the reassignment.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

W-L

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York.
March 14, 1917.

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I do hope you will like this story "The Boss's
Wife." I have worked on it very seriously -- tried to make it ser-
ious without being sordid or tragic.

As ever,

Sinclair Lewis

March 16, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

The Boss's Wife is a misfit, in the estimation of Mr. Lorimer and the rest of us. We have all read it and we feel that it does not do justice to your story telling gift.

Thank you for showing it to us, and here's to good luck with the next one.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

T-L
Enclosure

April 17, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

How about another short story?

I would be glad to know that we will receive
one from you soon.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

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File

New York,
Monday, April 23.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I returned from a week's stay out of town, today, to find your kind letter of April 17, suggesting another short story, awaiting me. I'm glad to say that ~~many~~ I have nearly finished another story on somewhat the same lines as "Hobohemia" -- taking up the Be Glad fad -- and shall send it to you in a few days.

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
May 2, 1917.

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Herewith "Joy-joy," a highly serious yarn wherein Ysetta and Dennis Brown encounter the Optimism craze.

IF the editors like 'em, I'd like to do three more stories about the various fakes which Ysetta encounters.

In between these, I have plans for several other SEP stories, which will be coming to you right along this summer. I'm hoping to take a two-weeks' motor trip, this month, then settle down for all summer and keep pestering you.

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis

P.S.

Please note suggestion, at the end of the story, about ending. Personally I prefer it as I have it, especially if there are ever to be any more of the Dennis and Ysetta tales, but perhaps the ending at line-blank on page 28 is more crisp.

Amey

May 9, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

The last third of this story, Joy-joy, seems to us not quite to realize the anticipations raised by the earlier portions. Don't you see your way to strengthening its close and show us the revision? It is worth printing as it is; but it would be more worth while printing if "joshed" up a bit.

We are inclined to think that it would not be wise to try to continue the Ysetta stories, at least for the present. It has been our experience that ideas of this sort wear out very rapidly. Please understand, however, that if you do another Ysetta story, we would like to have first shot at it; and please let us hear from you when you have thought over this letter.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

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Enclosure

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
May 11, 1917.

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Indeed I'm glad to change the last part of "Joy-joy"
and I'll return it to you in a few days.

Meantime I send you this new story, "Tiger Mother." Altho it also
starts out as a suburban story, it is about as different from
"Joy-joy" as can be.

About further Ysetta stories. Indeed I know how often such an idea
wears out, and becomes an excuse rather than an inspiration for
stories. If there are to be any more of them, they'll be stories
I really want to write -- things I really want to burlesque.

When "Joy-joy" comes back to you, I wish you would especially note
the new extract from Henrietta's joy-book.

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

Encl:
Tiger Mother

May 15, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

We feel that Tiger poster fits rather too much strain on the reader, all things considered, and we, therefore, must return it.

Thank you for showing it to us, and here's to better luck with the next one.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

Enclosure

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
May 14, 1917.

Wm W
of note
Wm W

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have tried to give a lot more pep to the last part of "Joy-joy" and I have also given a new version of the sweet little book which Henrietta wrote, and I hope you'll like the new form better.

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis

Wm W

May 16, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

Joy-Joy in its new form is O. K.
and a check will be sent you by our treasurer.

Thank you for revising the story.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

W-L

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
May 23, 1917.

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Dear Mr. Williams:

I want to express my gratitude to Mr. Lorimer and you and to the Post in general for your voluntary raise of my rate from five hundred to six hundred, as has happened with "Joy-joy." I cannot imagine a more satisfactory publication for which to work than is the Post.

Incidentally I am busy with a new story which I shall send you before long.

Pray don't bother to acknowledge this letter.

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
May 30, 1917.

File
Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia, Pa.

Dear Mr. Williams:
A story!

Sincerely yours,

W. L. Lewis
Sincian Lewis

June 7th, 1917.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

It's all right.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis.

L-J

none
227th Street and Independence Ave.,
New York City,
Telephone, Kingsbridge, 395.

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I have, as indicated above, gone way up town --
to the Spuyten Duyvil district of New York -- for the summer. I
shall be here till October.

I am sending a new story, "The Whisperer."

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

309 Fifth Avenue,
New York,
June 8, 1917.

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The Editors
The Saturday Evening Post.

Gentlemen:

Will you please change my address from
the above to:

227th Street and Independence Avenue,
New York City
(Telephone, Kingsbridge 395)

to take effect today? I shall be at the new ad-
dress until about October 1st.

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

June 15th, 1917.

My dear Lewis:

The Whisporer is a fine
story and we are glad to have it for the
Post. Check on Tuesday.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis.
L-J

227th Street and Independence Ave.
New York City.
June 25, 1917.

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia.

Dear Mr. Williams:
Another!

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair

AMM
Lewis

July 3, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

Here is something which, in our judgment, is neither quite good fish, flesh or fowl, though, for all that, it amused me.

I am sure that it is not for The Post, and I am almost equally sure that you will promptly sell it elsewhere.

Try us with a real short story.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

W-L

Enclosure - A Rose for Little Eva