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August 13, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

I have not heard from you, I believe
for over a month.

How about another short story from y
here's good luck!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

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August 14.

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Dear Mr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter.
As a matter of fact I have a story so nearly
done that I shall be sending it to you in
about two days.

I've been so slack on the job for the past
month because I've been having a big, red-
headed ten-pound son born! Everything is
fine both with him and my wife, and now I'm
being industrious again.

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis

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227th Street and Independence Ave.
New York City.
August 17, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

This story, "Afterglow," has two soldiers in it,
but it is in no sense a War Story.

I now have a wife at home again, plus one large
child, one baby-nurse, one baby-scales, and a large number of other
things of whose use I have but vague ideas, and more or less elderly
ladies who poke their fingers at the infant and assert, "Is he the
sweetsie weetsie?" Gaw! But I am back on the job again, undisturbed
by this foolishness. Which lying assertion shows that I am the
Typical Young Father. Gaw!

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis

August 22, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

Mr. Lorimer feels that Afterglow
is not enough of a story and does not carry con-
viction sufficiently to warrant taking it for
The Post. I am sorry for that, and thank you
for showing the manuscript to us.

My heartiest congratulations to 'Papa'!
Hope everything at home goes well with you and
that you will give us a shot at another story.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis
T-L
Enclosure

New York, September 8.

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post.

Dear Mr. Williams:

Every once in a while you are so good as to ask me wherehell is another story so now, as one from me is overdue, I'm answering such a letter without having received it! I've been doing an article, and now I'm going to motor out to Minnesota, but as soon as I get there I expect to send you a new story which I have now planned and partly done. We'll be in the West, different places, all winter, probably, but I hope to keep you interested from there!

I'm enclosing for your addressing girl a note of my ^{constantly} change of address, which I wish you would be so good as to give her.

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis

Will leave for the West
September 15th.

September 11th, 1917.

My dear Lewis:

Churchill Williams is at liberty just now and taking his ease on his ancestral estate at Longport, twenty minutes from Atlantic City by trolley; so I am writing in his place to tell you that your glad news about a story comes very opportunely, as we need the story.

I wonder if it would fall in with your plans to go West over the Pennsylvania and to stop ovv for an hour or two in Philadelphia. I am editing the Country Gentleman just now, in addition to the Saturday Evening Post, and we are making some big plans for it. I have an idea that you could help us, if you would.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis.

Sauk Centre, Minnesota.
October 6, 1917.

Yours
George Horace Lorimer, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post

Dear Mr. Lorimer:

I've been thinking a lot about the Jim Hill serial for Country Gentleman, and I'm going to do it as soon as I get out of my system three short stories, two of which are hopefully intended for you. We've taken a house in St. Paul for the winter -- tho we don't move in for a couple of weeks, during which time my address will still be as above.

Had a good trip out except for a collision in Ohio! The youngster whom I took as my guest as far as Columbus managed to run my machine into another one, at night, just twenty miles before we reached Columbus, and I spent one week (and various dollars) in a garage, waiting for a new wheel and fender to come from Detroit.

Sincerely yours,

Swiclan Lewis

October 11th, 1917.

My dear Lewis:

Your program sounds good provided all the short stories are coming to the Saturday Evening Post.

As Balzac would say, your adventure with the boy teaches us to be careful.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis.

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SATURDAY EVENING POST PHILADELPHIA PENN

WILL BE IN PHILADELPHIA FRIDAY ABOUT NOON

SINCLAIR LEWIS.

516 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
October 20, 1917.

Churchill Williams, Esq.,
The Saturday Evening Post.

Dear Mr. Williams:

I give the above address because, tho actually I am writing this in Sauk Centre, Minnesota (in the amiable office of E.J.Lewis, M.D., opposite the Palmer House Bar, into which Eddie ~~Hano~~ Hanson and Eley Arnsted have just gone for a drink, tho it is only 10:30 A.M.) we shall be settled next Wednesday for all winter, till April 15, 1918, in St. Paul, and I shall be very much on the job. We have been ambling about Minnesota, after my motoring out, which motoring resulted in experiences not at all exaggerated in the enclosed story.

I am enclosing a memo. of my new address for your forwarding people, and I venture to remain -- not in Sauk Centre, where they most discomfortingly Knew Me When -- but in true literary humility,

Yours,

Sinclair Lewis

October 26, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

We are sorry to have to return
this one. It seems to us that you have not
quite done yourself justice therein.

Here's looking for the next one
and good luck to you!

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

W-L

Enclosure - Detour - Roads Rough

516 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

November 19, 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

Here is a frivolous love-story, "An Invitation to Tea."

And in a few days I shall be sending you a quite different sort of story called "Mother Love." I did the first draft before writing the enclosed, but wanted to put it away for a time.

All goes well out here. Is there any chance that Mr. Lorimer or you will be out in this region this winter? We could make you fairly comfortable -- and not talk mss. all the time!

I wonder if you know the novels of James Branch Cabell, (address, Dumbarton, Va.)? I have never met him, but I had some correspondence with him ~~with~~ ^{when} I was editor for Fred'k A. Stokes Co., when we accepted his gorgeously beautiful mediaeval tale, "The Soul of Melicent." I have just been reading his new novel, "The Cream of the Jest," (McBride), and it suggests to me that he ought to be able to do utterly charming modern stories of Virginia, and other romantic things.

I also, however, have an idea that he might be hard to deal with. He seems to be a person with an income and hauteur. But if you are interested in increasing the available fund of romanticists -- of people who can do stories which are at once beautiful and in which the gentlemen really do talk like gentlemen -- it might mebbe be worth looking him up.

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis.

November 27, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

There is a good idea in this manuscript but the story itself we feel does not quite make good. Everyone has had a shot at it and Mr. Lorimer concurs in the feeling of the office.

Here's to a bull's eye with the next one! Also, thank you for that suggestion about James Branch Cabell.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

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Enclosure - An Invitation to Tea

516 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

November ^{27,}~~26,~~ 1917.

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

Dear Mr. Williams:

Here is the other story I said I should be sending on
as soon as I had gone over it a few more times -- "Mother Love."

Sincerely yours,

Sinclair Lewis

December 4, 1917

Dear Mr. Lewis :

Once again I am the bearer of bad news,
but, all in all, we feel you do not get by with
this story.

Thank you for allowing us to read it.

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

W-L
Enclosure - Mother Love

616 Summit Avenue,
St. Paul, Minnesota.
January 24, 1918.

The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia.

4-7-17
[Handwritten signature]

Gentlemen:

May I ask you to give me the return
of dramatic -- stage -- rights on my story
"Hobohemia" (in the Post for April 7, 1917)?
There is no hurry about it, but I should be
very grateful if you would let me have these.

For two months now I have been doing nothing
but work on this play, and haven't written a
single short story, hence my long absence from
your ms. record.

Sincerely yours,

Suiclan Lewis

February 2, 1918

Dear Mr. Lewis :

Kindly acknowledge receipt of
the enclosed reassignment in your story -
Hobokenia and ...

Yours very truly,

Mr. Sinclair Lewis

S-L

Enclosure

516 Summit Ave.,
St. Paul, Minn.
Feb. 9, 1918.

The Editors,
The Saturday Evening Post,
Philadelphia.

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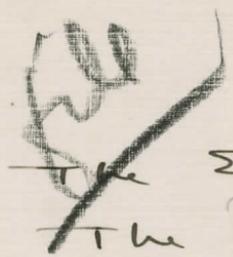
Gentlemen:

Permit me to thank you for the
reassignment of rights in my story "Hobo-
hemia," which reassignment I have received
safely.

Yours sincerely,

Sinclair Lewis

Chatham, Mass.
May 15



~~The~~ Editors,
The Post.

Gentlemen:

I hope I'm
not returning these
too late. They have
just been forwarded
here to me from my
old St. Paul address.

Please note new
address, above.

Sincerely yours,
Siclan Lewis