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Dear Mr. Burton:

Thank you for your letter. I am gratified that you think there is even a remote possibility of my "Recollections" proving suitable for the Cosmopolitan. I see certain objections, of course. But since you say you would like to see more of the story I will give you a first lien on it, sending you soon an outline and after that if you wish it part by part as I have them ready or if you think wiser, which it may be, holding it back until it is all in hand. I am rather up against it to finance the writing which of course should have a leisurely mind and free time, but I must sandwich it in while I earn my living. If you have something occasionally that you can conscientiously throw my way - an editorial - an article - I shall be glad of the order. I am sorry the Chrysler article has been held up. Mr. Ross whom I understood I was to see at the start, and he confirms the understanding, fails to materialize. I am rather annoyed but of course will wait on his coming if you wish it.

You say you have been ill - I am so sorry. I had mine earlier in the winter and am hoping to escape a second round. Be careful.

Florida! You know there is a real story down there now. The Leavings of a Florida Boom or The Florida Business Cycle. She has had a boom every twenty years since 1880 and none left so many ruins behind as the one we reported. She is getting ready for another now and there are thousands of poor innocents scattered over the land aching to help her.

With all good wishes

Sincerely yours

Mr. Harry P. Burton
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New York City