

2405 Myrtle  
Kansas City, Mo.

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Dear Miss Carbell,

My hobby is collecting au-  
~~thor's letters and a letter from~~  
you would help to make my  
collection more complete.

Perhaps you wouldn't mind  
answering a few questions:

What started you on the  
profession of being an author?  
Do you write for profit? How  
many books have you written?  
What are the names of your  
more recent books? Do you  
have any hobbies? Do you  
receive many letters from

fans? Do you have any special  
aim in life?

It has always been proper  
for one to enclose a self-ad-  
dressed envelope when writ-  
ing to a person whom you  
don't know but I am sorry  
to say that my allowance  
does not permit it.

I am fourteen years old  
and I go to East High School.

Sincerely yours,  
Shirley Simpkins