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Dear Miss Lane:

Yes, I did talk with John Phillips a short time ago about picking up my old connections with the Crowell Company, particularly the Woman's Home Companion. The last few years I have devoted myself to writing books so have let slip all magazine connections. It would be a real satisfaction to me to be counted among your contributors.

Your letter encourages me to try and you'll find me soon on your desk.

As a matter of fact I have been intending for some time to write you, not about a possible opening for me on the Woman's Home Companion, but to thank you for the fine letter you wrote me in June when you were convalescing from your illness. It should have been answered long ago but it found me laid low. I had to take two or three months off - a case of exhaustion I think as much as anything else. I was cut off from a secretary and forbidden to use my hand (paralysis agitans, an exasperating condition which I am hoping to keep away from my brain!) Yours was such a warm and generous letter and I was so pleased that you liked "All in the Day's Work." I had many misgivings about the book and it took all my courage to allow it to go out. If you found it worth a reading it gives me a deep satisfaction, dear Gertrude Lane, and I meant to tell you long ago, but when I was finally released for work I found a terrific accumulation - am still far from the bottom of it.

You'll be hearing from me soon about possible work.

Faithfully yours

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