

May 29, 1926

Mr. James Shaw,
Aurora, Ill.

My dear Mr. Shaw:

Thank you very much for your letter of
May 25. I appreciate particularly your criticism.

You are quite right about the story being too rose-colored. It is too rose-colored to be natural; but the truth of the matter was I could find no criticisms or faults of sufficient importance to introduce into the narrative, which had to be compact and which had to explain the rather unusual way in which Gary forged ahead. I should have been glad enough to have given more attention to setting, which always interests me, but the space limitations of the magazine were very strict. I think I shall do something in the book, however, to introduce at least a suggestion of what you suggest.

Your letter is very interesting and I heartily thank you
for it.

Very sincerely yours,