

Brown's Mills, N.J.

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Dear Lady; Here is the MS that came yesterday and that I have hung over faithfully, whether effectively or not. Me, I feel sure of having done good and that you will approve of much, but at times maybe I may look merely fussy, devoted to butting in, but truly that butting in turn is not my weakness, the sometimes maybe I reason too curiously, there is reasoning behind, except in a few cases like those <sup>some of</sup> in the preface, where I can only say I find a change giving force and vividness. Do look at the last page first, for there I have explained a passage that is not unlike in the type of the change some others. Then I have avoided repeating words often, the once or twice I have repeated myself with a turn that aimed to make the repetition show as intentional and as giving emphasis.

I suppose I dilate this way because I did so much, and indeed while I do think this chapter is a real addition to the book's value, I also find it verbally writing ~~writing~~ more wearily, less admirably than anywhere else, so that in several places I was in real doubt as to what was went, tho I always convinced myself by going back and studying adjacent text. I hope this was because you knew you could turn to me, ~~you~~ depend on me to slick you up. I'd love to feel I could take something off your too heavy laden shoulders that way.

here is something maybe you will think you can use in dealing with your copyist: Betty Diller has your book to put thro the press, tho it is out of her department, because they are apt to give her the things they are particularly desirous to have in good shape. She was here Sunday and talked to me of at first hesitating to do so much with the punctuation, till she saw by overpowering number of dashes that she must just wade in; that made me wonder about the thousand of dashes I eliminated; plainly your lady did not recog

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