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Dear Mr. Blossom:

I should have written you before this but things have been rather complicated in my small world, since I came to the southwest. My first week in Tucson was spent in bed with a trained nurse - Influenza. The next week my work in the University began. I succeeded in getting through it but not in doing any of the work that I hoped to do on the Articles. I pulled out, however, and next week I shall begin my visit at the Youngs. O. D. Y. arrives in a few days and I shall join them as soon as he has had a little rest. Just how long I stay with them, I do not know, but upwards of a week.

This will get me into the swing of the thing again, I hope, though it will delay actual writing. I think you said the 1st of June for that introductory sketch, which the more I think of it, I feel will be the wisest way to attack the undertaking.

This change in plans makes it uncertain just when I shall reach New York but I hope it will be by the 10th or 12th of April. My address will remain in care of Mrs. McCormick, R. F. D. #2, Box 59B, Tucson.

I hope you are well. This is a wonderful climate but you can be just as miserable with Influenza down here with just as devastating results as in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Mr. Sumner Blossom
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