

September 14, 1932

Dear Mr. Goodell:

I am pleased to get your letter of September 11th and to know that you think there is enough in the article that I wrote on the Naumkeag experiment to be of use elsewhere. Myself, I hold it high as an example of sound technique.

I haven't a proof yet. It seems that the editor of the Cosmopolitan has not decided just when he can begin the series, at least that was my last information. He ordered six articles of which this was the second. I have four of them done - two to do. I am not sure but he is thinking that he would prefer to have the whole six in hand before he begins. You can never tell about the editor of a popular magazine. I frequently find that at the last moment they must, or think they must, sacrifice matters about which they have been enthusiastic for something of more immediate and sensational interest.

This is not a complaint, only a fact, and I have learned to be very patient under the affliction, for affliction it is. However, I am sending you the copy of the article which you examined. Keep it as long as it is of any use to you and as soon as I get proofs of the article itself I shall be glad to send them on to you.

I hope you can take ^{up} the tax assessment ~~matter~~ ^{business} in the country, as far as I can see, and it needs some good, steady scientific management more than almost anything else to bring it into shape. I shall be glad to know how you come out.

With all good wishes

Very sincerely yours

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