

Auto

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Dear Rosée:

I have been wanting to write you for days but things have been disturbed in the matter of the autobiography. I had a contract with loopholes in it - I will tell you when I see you - and they came back on the first chapter after I had embodied your corrections and made some additions that they asked, all legitimate enough, with the proposition that I let a young man on the staff re-write the whole thing. What they want is sensation I am sure, to begin by quoting my remark about Henry Rogers being as fine a pirate as Wall Street ever knew. Well, I am bankrupt and in debt but I am not willing to accept their suggestion for a mere matter of money. I can't do it in this case, so I am sending for my manuscript and shall try my luck elsewhere. It means delay for I shall have to fill in with pop boilers but it does not mean giving up the attempt to figure myself out. That is, as much of myself as is fit to print.

I feel sure you will approve. I have told J S P and he says I am right, so that's that. This explains why you will not get Chapter II by the end of the month as I had expected, but you will get in one of these days.

There was something in your first letter that I did not answer and it is something very interesting to me. You say there is no doll, no little brother and sister. Of course you are right, but there is a doll - I have unearthed her - and there is an episode. When my little brother died - there were once four of us - I did not put it in for it went deep and I did not see how to handle it, but I think I can with a story of Sara. That is what you said was illuminating.

Is there any chance of your being in town Friday or Saturday of this week so we could lunch together? I am going away next week to be gone until after Christmas, but dear Viola, don't go to the exertion of coming in unless you are are wanting to do so. Come to lunch and maybe we can take in a movie afterwards - I haven't been to one for weeks.

Love to you

Miss Viola Roseboro
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