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My dear Mr. Shaw:

I am so glad to have your letter. I was under the impression that you must be out of Philadelphia or ill, for I have written twice and had no answer. Here is the status of the Mitten story for the American. When I returned, they told me that they wanted to hasten the article to get it into the March number. I wrote six or seven thousand words - revised - turned it in - it was accepted. I expected of course to get it back and to send you a copy, as I had suggested, but to my surprise and horror too, I should say, I find on my return from my Christmas vacation that they had been obliged to put the article in the papers, that they had cut it, I do not know how much, and that it was in print. I confess that I feel considerable trepidation about the matter. I make it a rule, of course, to read carefully all my proofs. I make it a rule, too, to submit my copy to the persons from whom I have received material. This, however, was a case of unusual pressure. The Magazine liked the Article - they wanted an immediate publication - they failed to get hold of me and there you are.

I hope, my dear Mr. Shaw, that you will all be lenient if anything incorrect or inadvised has gone in. I am particularly anxious about the corrections, for I know that the ideas of a writer and an editor, about the value and the meaning of this do not always coincide. However, I am hoping for the best.

I have been afraid that Mr. Tulley would be anxious about his Co-operative Bulletin, but the fact is that I have been wanting to find time to study it more closely than I have yet been able to. I think I told you when I was in Philadelphia that I wanted very much to make a little book on the Mitten Plan and on the Mittens themselves in connection with the Plan. I know that my publisher would be glad to have such a study. I do not see the time to do it immediately but it is one of those things which I think would keep.

Will you not tell Dr. Mitten that I am hoping there'll be nothing in the article that in any way offends him, but if there is I should appreciate very much his telling me so frankly. The subject is too important - I feel too strongly about it myself to allow mistakes or misapprehensions to go by, so dear Mr. Shaw, I shall appreciate it if you will all tell me quite candidly if I

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have fallen into error.

I should like to know too, what Dr. Mitten, Mr. Tulley and you think of the idea of a little book, whether you would be willing to give me the information that I might want outside of what you already have in print.

There is one thing I am going to ask you to do and that is if you are continuing the radio talks - I have copies of several - if you will send them to me together with any other printed matter which you may issue. This will keep me in touch with what you are doing, and will make it easier for me in case I do go ahead with the book when I have free time.

Thanking you very much for your courtesies, dear Mr. Shaw, and extending my greetings to Dr. Mitten and Mr. Tulley, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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