

July 6, 1922

Mr. Elbert A. Wickes,  
Little Building,  
Boston, Mass.

My dear Mr. Wickes:

You will forgive me for my delay in replying to your letter of June 16. I have been out of New York for some three weeks and busy and with no secretary and consequently neglecting my correspondence.

I would very much like to take all my engagements at once, particularly this coming winter; but of course you are right in calling my attention to the fact that geographically New England is not difficult to reach in and out of New York City, so I will not ask you to try to fit in any engagements you may want me to fill, to the block I have given the Coit-Alber Bureau, only it will be necessary for you to submit the time and place to me. I am facing a very busy winter in my writing.

I am sorry, but I cannot take the date of Friday, November 10. I am almost certain to be West on a piece of investigation at that time. If you could put it any time the first ten days of January the 7th excepted - I am to be at Old South Forum on that date. *acc*

I think I should explain to you that in going to the Old South Forum, I am keeping a promise made long before my connection with you, and I go at a special rate. I should go to them for nothing if I could afford it. I wanted you to understand this. I am sure that you know I have no disposition to encroach on my engagement with you.

Sincerely yours,

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