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Mr. MacAlarney,
% Famous Players-Lasky Corporation,
166 Wardour Street, London, W.,
England.

My dear Mr. MacAlarney:

I hope my name is not quite unknown to you and that it will be a guarantee of my disinterestedness in trying to find out whether or no there is any possibility in the movies for the work of that capital short story writer, Henry Wallace Phillips. I am sure you know his "Red Saunders" if not many other things of his.

For several years now life has been hard sledding for him,--much ill health, resulting in a break down of control which even placed him for some time in an asylum. He is much better, and is making a brave effort, by the help of a very plucky little wife, to "come back."

I knew nothing of the movies, but it seems to me that his hope that some of his stories are practical is not unfounded. I am enclosing a little report of a talk I had with him, showing what his product is and what of it has already been taken up. Is there anything in this for your people? If not, could you give me a word of advice about how to go to work to push the matter here?

It may seem to you that I am going far afield for advice, but I have perhaps an unfounded suspicion that it is just as well to be sure in the moving picture business of the character of the person to whom you take material.

If, at your convenience, you will drop me a line about this matter, I shall greatly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,