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Mr. Paul Reynolds
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Dear Mr. Reynolds:

Thank you for the copy of Good-Housekeeping with Mrs. Halle's article. It's excellent.

I talked with Mr. Bigelow yesterday afternoon. Told him I was a little hazy about just what I could do but thought there was something that might be interesting. I take it that he doesn't want an article unless it had practical suggestions. I told him that I didn't feel clear enough in my own mind about it to want a contract, but simply wanted to know whether he would be friendly to an article along the lines I had talked, providing it contained some really constructive points.

He seemed to think that this was the best way to leave it, so I take it that what we better do is something similar to what was done in Miss Lane's case. I will see if I can build up an article with which I feel fairly satisfied. Then when it is done, you take it to Mr. Bigelow. If it is not what he wants, I am fairly convinced that you can find somebody that will take it. At all events, that's our risk. I would not want to make a contract with anybody yet. I don't feel sure enough about how the thing would come out. Is this satisfactory to you?

I have not heard from Mr. Chenery yet about the Ann Rutledge article. Was he to report to you or to me?

Very sincerely yours