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Mr. Selden Bacon,
60 Wall Street,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Bacon:-

Thank you for sending me a copy of your very able note to Mr. Lanier. They have been pressing me, since I wrote Miss Tarball, for a signature to the contract they propose, but I have ignored the letters- made no reply at all. I suppose, when they get this letter of yours, they will make one last try.

It is interesting that neither Doubleday nor Lanier have taken any personal part in the effort to get me to sign this contract. This has all been done by a young man named Jennings whom I never met before. Meantime I met Doubleday and Lanier in the old fashioned cordialty, and not a word said. We are joining in a dinner next month to Mr. Scriber, exchanging letters, making plans, and not a word said about this. I tell you this confidentially. Interesting isn't it?

Sincerely,

Robert Yard