

Journalism

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Dear Colonel Lee:

I certainly am pleased to know that your articles are moving at last. It takes a long time to place serious matters. You seem to have done admirably.

You suggest that I write to the Scribner editor about your "Horse Sense." I couldn't do you a greater injury. Editors are pretty generally convinced that they know what they want and if there is anything they do not like it is for an outsider to come in and tell them what they ought to think. At least that is my feeling from my long experience with editors and writers. "Horse Sense" is strong enough in my judgment to go on its own merits and it will be much better for the author to have a relation to the editor which he has built up solely on the merits of his work without outside interference.

If I did not honestly think this was so, dear Colonel Lee, I would write the Scribner man, in spite of the fact that I have no personal acquaintance with him.

With wishes for your very best success

Very truly yours

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