

To J. A. Vestal  
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Miss Elizabeth Freeman,  
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New York.

Dear Friend;

Your letter of Jan. 22 received and also the magazines. Many thanks, especially for the criticism of the story. I think if aspiring young writers had the advantage of such criticisms for a while, he would write good matter or be a hopeless case. I have also had some good technical advice based on the same story, from another good friend of mine who is now on the staff of the Detroit Evening News. Perhaps you know him - Harold Callender? So you see I am quite fortunate.

A friend, Rob Sullivan, my brother Will and I are together here. We are carrying on many studies; some of them in a desultory manner, others more intensively. We are dabbling in the most elementary texts of Astronomy, Chemistry, Physics; ~~and~~ Specializing in Sociology, Psychology, Economics, Mathematics etc. I also have a commission to produce some articles on Co-operative accounting for the