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A *D—d letter

Morley's Hotel
London S.W.
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**dictated of course, I am surprised at you!*

My dear Friend *Dan*,

I am delighted that you care even more for “The Gray [sic] Man” than for my other books. I am, as usual, intensely busy, but I had some good golf at St. Andrews, which has set me up. I have not yet had time to read “Nancy Noon.”

My habits have been somewhat migratory during these last months, and I have waited for a quiet spell which has not yet arrived. I left the book at Penicuik, and will write to you as soon as I get time to read it. *However* I read the introductory chapters, and think them very fresh, crisp, and bright. Somebody wrote to me saying that he either was the author or related to the author of “Nancy Noon,” he did not seem very clear about which; but I recognised him at once as a near relative of Ananias, and so stuffed his communication into the waste paper basket.

I hope to have a game with you some day, and give you a good hard run for it. I beat your crack Glasgow professor, Lodge, at St. Andrews the last day I was there, what do you think of that?

Yours ~~faithfully~~ *as ever*

S.R. Crockett