

Letter from A.P. Watt to Harper & Brothers
Hastings House

Messrs. Harper & Bros. February 11th 1898
331 Pearl Street
Franklin Square
New York
U.S.A.

Dear Sirs,

I write to thank you for yours of the 19th ult, the contents of which I have now had the opportunity of placing before Mr. S.R. Crockett, and I have the pleasure of informing you that having given the matter very careful consideration he has authorised me to accept the terms covered by your letter except in-so-far as the Canadian book rights of the story are concerned. Mr. Crockett desires me to say that he would gladly have sold you the Canadian book rights of the story together with the United States book rights had he not already disposed of all British and Colonial bookrights to Messrs. James Clarke & Co. his English publishers. Under these circumstances I presume you will kindly withdraw your stipulation that the Canadian book rights of the story should be included in the sale to you and that we may now consider the matter settled.

I am, dear Sirs,

Yours sincerely

Watt

p.s.

I find on turning up my letter of the 24th of December that I was careful to state I was only offering United States book rights, and this being so presume your mention of the Canadian book rights in yours of the 19th ult. is really an oversight. It is just possible of course that if you were to approach Messrs. James Clarke & Co. where we have always found them very obliging people, that they would agree to your sending your edition of the book into Canada alongside the usual Colonial edition. Should you think of approaching them in the matter you are quite at liberty to say that Mr. Crockett has no objection to their agreeing to your edition going in indeed you are at liberty to say that Mr Crockett would be glad to hear that they could see their way to accede to your request.

From Whistler

110 Rue du Bac, Paris

[Bliss to Crockett] (IT MUST BE AROUND AUGUST 1898)

[no date or stamp] York Mansions
Prince of Wales Road
Battersea Park
S.W.

Dear Crockett,

Many thanks for your letter of good wishes.

I hope there will be no difficulty over Murray publishing Love Idylls as I've had to pay Sands £50 (and possibly another £50 in a certain event) for the privilege of taking it with me and I'm a poor man when it comes to such sums as that.

Murray's name will do the book good if anything I think.

Yours always,

L.H. Bliss

I am just off so please forgive a hasty written letter.

SEP

[Watt to C.K. Shorter, The Illustrated London News]

A.P. Watt etc Hastings House etc

C.K. Shorter Esq.
"The Illustrated London News"