

Watt to Percy Clark

18 September 1903

Dear Mr Clark

referring to our recent conversation I now take pleasure in handing you herewith copies of the formal agreement serial and book re the proposed 2 new stories to be written by Mr SRC for publication in the Christian World and afterwards in book form with your imprint.

As I said to you the other day I have not yet submitted the agreements to Mr C but I think I may safely say that he will be prepared to sign them in their present form. You will note I have provided for the royalty on the six Shilling edition of the book to be reduced from 30 to 25% and that in each of the serial agreements I have inserted a clause which provides that before commencing to write the manuscript of either book Mr C shall consult with you as to the character and style of the work and also with regard to the number and length of instalments. This will give you the opportunity of saying to Mr C whether you wish him to write you a story in the manner of his Raiders, the Lilac Sunbonnet, Kit Kennedy or some other of his already published books and it will at the same time give you an opportunity of saying whether you wish the story written in the 1st or 3rd person and also the number of chapters into which he would prefer it to be divided.

The periods at which I have suggested the 2 stories should run in the Christian World eg July to December 1905 and October 1906 to March 1907 are periods at which Mr C has not arranged to have a serial story running in any other quarter. At the same time I do not know that there would be any objection to your beginning the 1905 story a month or two later should you think it desirable to do so and in the same way there would so far as I am aware be no objection to your running the 2nd story either 3 or 6 months later than the date provided for in the agreement.

If you would like to discuss with me either these or indeed any other points in the two agreements I need scarcely say that I shall be glad to call upon you at any time you may advise me is most convenient to yourself.

Trusting however that you will find the agreements acceptable in their present form and that you can sign them as they stand

AS Watt.