

Bank House

July 14th

My dear Marion,

I would have written sooner but I have not yet been able for much, and Ruth broke down after I got better and has been very poorly indeed. Her nerves are quite shattered.

I don't know what our plans will be yet. Our Galloway trip is knocked on the head for the present anyway. I fear me much Ruth would write herself if she could, but all this worry about her father has made her very weak.

I am glad you got 'Little Anna' and you would not want to go to bed after reading about 'the Eyes behind the gauze!'

I have not been able to work much recently, but I hope to be well enough to finish the work I have on hand and get started on another 'Raiders' story.

I was dreadfully sorry to hear about the bad year and John thinking of giving up beautiful Glenhead. You know, dear friends both of you, that if I can be of any help about rent day, you only have to let me know. Spite of newspaper paragraphs, I am by no means a rich man, but I have always enough in the meal ark to share with a dear friend – as you will always be.

So if you are 'short' about that season or any other let me know and you may count on my gladly and willingly doing what I can.

I hope you will have a happy summer and that the autumn may give us all 'the desire of our hearts.'

Ever your friend

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If my friend Joseph Pennell comes your way try to give him a shakedown for a night or two. He wants to draw the Raiders Country for an illustrated edition.