

Letter from A.P. Watt to G.E. Lock (Ward Lock & Co.)
Hastings House

July 26th 1900
Messrs. Ward, Lock & Co.
Salisbury Square E.C.

Dear Mr. lock,

Referring to our conversation of this morning I now write formally to put on record the terms upon which you have kindly agreed to commission Mr. S.R. Crockett to write a new novel for publication, both serially and in book form, by your firm. These terms are as I understand them as follows:

1) That your commission Mr. Crockett to write you a new novel in time to enable you to commence the serial publication at your option either in December 1902 or December 1903. The other conditions of the agreement between us both so far as regards serial rights and so far as book rights, are to be in all respects similar to those contained in the agreements under which you purchased certain serial and book rights in Mr. Crockett's novel "Joan of the Sword Hand", with the exception that in the case of the new work you are to be at liberty to use the serial rights which you purchase, should you wish to do so in some other periodical than the "Windsor Magazine" and that the amount which you have to pay in advance and on account of royalties on the book is to be £750 instead of £1000 as in the case of "Joan of the Sword Hand"

2) You are to let us know not later than the thirty-first of March next whether you decide to commence serial publication in December 1902 or December 1903.

One line from you confirming this arrangement will oblige.

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Yours sincerely,

A.P. Watt