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Russellville, Ark.,  
Feb. 17th. '06.

Mr. H. R. Harrington,

St. Thomas, "ew.,  
Dear Friend;

I received your letter promptly, and actually been thinking of writing to you, but couldn't think of your address and so put it off; saw in Masons notes you had come back to Nevada, but thought perhaps you were further along the river. Are you finding any interesting things? A new cave is being explored near Everton, Ark-- about 20 ft. deep in it and two skeletons already taken from it. But-- the relics will go to the Okla. Hist. Society, as they do the exploring.

Glad to hear you've sold the story and shall look out for it -- nothing shabby about the price, is there? now, hear that I've sold a third article to Everybody's for \$150-- that is, they offer that, but wish to make a minor change or two and the interviewed gentleman will now be to look it; what if he would queer the whole thing? Couldn't I faintly say a slip 'twixt the check and the bank? But here's hoping.

About the yarn-- Fair Sacrifice. I worked it out two weeks ago, just now getting at it; thought I'd send it to you, but hated to risk it being forwarded, so I've tried it out its first time on Century. Didn't really know whether you'd care to bother with it, but at least am hoping for comment that will help me know what is lacking-- want to mail you the duplicate, but am waiting to let a teacher-friend read it; she's had work at Columbia and is a very good critic. Did I tell you that I'm taking some criticism under Mr. Reeve? Like him, too. "He thinks I'm doing a fine western story, but it isn't finished yet. Gays I can offer it to the Big fellows-- maybe so.

Here is something you can smile over-- I've been foolish enough to try my hand on a little book, and today the first five chapters go out to Lippincott's, who have been kind enough to tell me to send it in, after I sent them a synopsis of it. Had Brother, get me up a Sacred Book containing the feathers of an owl, for wisdom, a wing of deer-hide for speed, a bit of crow's wing, that my story may have length as a crow's flight-- and what, on what, for style and merit! And having gotten together the sacred peck, chant an incantation to the Indian god of chance or fate, that Lippincott's may be in need of books. Selah

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An urgent new typewriter, and don't understand the margin very well, you see. Write again and tell me what you find. Adios.

PS.  
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Am using new typewriter, and don't understand the margin very well, you see. Write again and tell me what you find. Adios  
J.P.E. Livingston

[[left margin]] P.S. Will send story in a few days. I didn't try to use much fact. Tell me frank-ly what you think of it. [[/left margin]]

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