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Dear Mr. Deane:-

My husband has just sent to me your letter about a lost manuscript on the Fox Farming Industry, in which you tell him you have written him many times asking to have the manuscript back. Neither the Doctor nor I can ever remember receiving a single letter from you on the subject, and Miss Donlan, my secretary, says that she has never seen any. I can't imagine what can have become of them or where you can have sent them that they shouldn't have been forwarded.

Neither can I remember in the Doctor's papers in the North any manuscript such as that you mention. All of his writings, papers, etc. are collected and listed in a certain drawer of the filing cabinet, and before leaving Labrador I went over every one of these files very carefully indeed, and have no recollection whatever of anything on the Fox Farming Industry.

The Doctor has been suffering, the early part of this winter, with a severe bronchitis, and we are going abroad for some time at the insistence of his Directors. This is unfortunate for you because we shall not be in Labrador for many months. I can, of course, ask my great friend Miss Dorothy Stirling, who is going North this summer, to go through all of our papers and search for you, and if she does not find it, immediately on my return, I will search. Of one thing I am certain, the manuscript has not been destroyed. I think it is far more likely it was returned to you years ago and never reached you.

For nearly fifteen years I have known intimately all about the Doctor's papers and I have been particularly interested in the Fox Farming Industry so I am certain that such a manuscript as this would have made a special impression on me.

Enclosed herewith is a letter from the Doctor which he sent to me to enclose with my own. He says that it is unpardonable that he hasn't answered your letters. I feel sure he is doing himself an injustice in this because had he received them he would have answered them. You, of course, realize that the mail service to Labrador is precarious and if you sent letters there, there is

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good possibility of their having been lost, though I can't understand why a number of letters could have been lost.

We are most terribly sorry it should have happened, and will do everything in our power to find the lost manuscript.

Sincerely yours,

Ann Grenfell



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