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July 22

[1925]

Dear Claude:

Thank you for your telegram. I shall await the blank for Freeman, and your notes on Canada, for which I shall be extremely grateful. I want to look them over to get back into my mind some of the atmosphere of N. Saskatchewan (the said mind is still reasonably filled with said atmosphere anyway!) because I'm going to write a magazine serial story laid in that country. Do not be afraid that I'll use any of the stuff in an embarrassing way, because I'm going to be careful not to use any real people as characters in the story. In fact I'm going to invent a whole new region up there -- supposed to be laid about where the Churchill River is, but with all the rivers, Hudson Bay posts, lakes, etc, given entirely fictitious names. The story will be about 60,000 words long -- only a third of the length of Arrowsmith -- and will appear either in the ~~Cosmopolitan~~ Cosmopolitan, Red Book, or Designer.

I have had a note from Lewis Perry, headmaster and general complete boss in Phillips Exeter saying: "Your letter was forwarded here to me (where he is having vacation). Your name is very familiar to me; in fact I knew it before 'Main Street,' and have followed you with great enthusiasm through 'Arrowsmith.' I shall hope to meet you if your nephew comes to ~~Phillips~~ Exeter. Mr. Ford has, I think, asked for the boy's record at the former



school. I trust that everything will be all clear and that Freeman Lewis may join us."

This is good, because Freeman may want his advice on something, or a little pull.

Don't you want to go to Japan this coming fall? I shall probably go there, for three or four or five months, about next November. I haven't decided yet but I shall decide in a few weeks. I'll go without Grace and Wells -- it's too long a trip to take the kid. Why don't you try to come along? It's only ten days by steamer (fine big comfortable steamers) from Vancouver to Japan, so you could have six weeks out there and only take a very little over two months away from your practise. And it would be such exciting, novel travel as you have never even dreamed of. If China was peaceful, you could skip across there from Japan in about a day and see a little of that, too; and you could easily go on down to the Phillipines. Don't you want to come? I'll have letters from the Japanese Consul General in New York and other big bugs and everything will be open to us. It will be as good a change and rest as N. Saskatchewan, and ten times as exciting. Why not come?

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let me know.