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Spt. 25th., 1902.

My dear Sir,

It is a pleasure for me to be able to redeem part of my promise this week. For the rest of your very kind order, please, show the indulging patience of which I feel assured. When a man lives in a hole, daylight is limited, and artificial light is a poor substitute. What I send today are the two remaining "Baby Roland Booklets" as already issued, and two original booklets. Two booklets, now in print, as well as some more original "stories" will follow in due time.

I feel sure, "Ascent of Man" will appeal to you in its deepest significance. It is full of meaning if rightly looked at. - "Lima Beans" is one of those cheery moments as they come to everyone that God blesses with a child's smile. --- The original ones are both good. "Easter" is issued in only very few copies, and this one to you goes with as much goodwill and friendship as the others did. Comment is unnecessary, except mentioning of the fact, that no "flower" was blooming at the time except wild oats and Canada Thistle. One of the latter he choose for "Papa, schoene Blumen" and I call them "Easter Lily" ever since. - "His chance" is one of the cleverest and most remarkable. He expressed the desire to take my picture (he was 24 months old), and I granted his wish, giving my camera to him and using a borrowed one. The rest is plain enough, and the substitution of the cat for papa most amusing. None of these picture "stories" occupied ten minutes in taking.

I wish dearly that all of these booklets could go to you without any

"consideration" having passed between us. If you made me rich, I feel with you, that you are at least equally rich. I have been showered upon with good things since ^{and} in my present condition. God in his mercy and love clothes with flowers the scars that ~~he~~ threaten to deface earth and ~~his~~ ^{his} make.

Since writing last, the good wife and dear babe have returned quite unexpectedly. The old grandmother was improving, and the wife and mother must have felt that I was waiting for her with open arms. We have a feast of good feeling every day, and the materialism of adding to ~~it~~ the most delicious bunches of grapes that came to our house this year detracts none from the genuineness of happiness. I am a new man since the last few weeks. I will see the day yet when I plant my cucumbers and trail them with rosebushes.

The dear wife sends her kind regards and words of appreciation for your cheer for us. I enclose one half of the letter that babe wrote to me from the land where the pines grow.

With best wishes for you and your home

sincerely yours

John Hansen