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May 20th, 1909.

Mr. John Muir,
Martinez, Calif.

De r Sir:-

In view of the fact that Mr. Page has long been trying unsuccessfully to get some of your writings for the World's Work, it may seem useless for me to suggest that you do something for Country Life In America, and yet I cannot help making the attempt.

A very short time ago, I read your splendid little story "Stikeen", and I felt that here was the sort of thing we needed occasionally in Country Life In America. We believe that we publish a magazine that helps people to solve the problems of their country living, and we believe we are helping along in the great movement, and preaching the gospel of country life and the out-of-doors. At the same time we cannot help but feel that our magazine tends to become dull--the practical elements seem to crowd out anything like literary grace.

The sort of thing that you can write is what we want tremendously in Country Life In America--a genuine knowledge and love for outdoor life, and all it means, expressed in ^{the} vivid style that impressed me so in "Stickeen". I don't care whether you write fact or fiction, whether you write about dogs or birds or National Parks, but I do wish we might

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have something from you, and we will gladly accept something short if we cannot have something long.

Hoping this appeal will not be in vain, and that you will let me hear from you before long, I am,

Very truly yours,

Walter A. Dyer

Managing Editor
COUNTRY LIFE IN AMERICA.

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P. S.

I will send you a couple of sample copies of Country Life under another cover, in case you are not familiar with the magazine.