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George Harrison Mifflin

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HOUGHTON MIFFLIN COMPANY  
4 PARK STREET · BOSTON

December 11, 1912.

John Muir, Esq.,

Martinez, California.

Dear Mr. Muir:

You may have noticed the announce-  
ments regarding our Riverside Readers<sup>X</sup> that we  
are publishing for use in the schools. We  
are attempting to make these Readers just  
as attractive as possible to children, both  
from the point of view of their literary  
content and of their appearance. It is our  
hope that by means of these books a large  
number of children throughout the country  
will become better acquainted with the authors  
on our list and that this school acquaintance  
will lead later to the extensive reading of  
their works. Naturally our own authors supply

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a large amount of the material in these books.

We should like to use a selection  
from Stickeen for the Seventh Reader in this  
series as we think that this selection will  
perhaps be the best introduction of your  
writings to the children. We are sending you  
a marked copy of the book which will indicate  
the exact extent of the selection (pages 43-71)  
that we should like to make from the story,  
as well as the changes in paragraphing in  
order to make the story somewhat better  
adapted for oral reading in the schools. If,  
for any reason, you prefer that this para-  
graphing should not be done we will, of  
course, follow your wishes in this particular.  
You will observe that this selection makes  
quite a complete story in itself and will  
naturally whet the appetite of the children  
to read the entire narrative.

We trust that you will agree with

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us that this will be a good thing to do,  
both from the point of view of the pleasure  
it would give children in our schools, and  
from the point of view of increasing their  
taste for the best literature. Will you  
kindly return to us the marked copy of the  
book.

We are, with kind regards,

Yours very truly,

Houghton Mifflin Company.

*S. D. Mifflin*

P.S.

*We are sending one of  
our Readers so that you  
can have all the  
points before you*

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