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My dear Jack:

I send you the  
MS of the bee story. I have been  
through it twice but done little  
with it. I find if I patch  
now and in the proof too  
the infernal thing will be a  
perfect jumble. It is a good  
story — that is my judgment  
a heap better than I thought  
and quite worth the dignity  
of Muslim covers.

I thought I might adopt  
your suggestion and put  
the horses in first. I have

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spent a solid fortnight at it  
and finally dropped the whole  
thing thoroughly fuddled  
and demoralized about  
the matter. It can't be done  
— at least I can't do it  
and I think you will see  
that it is not feasible  
at all. I have con-  
cluded therefore to just  
prefix another chap-  
ter and let it slide.

You will see that I  
have not discussed the

chapters. Suppose we don't.  
I am half tired of being  
hard up in the nominative  
tive case all the time.

My health has been splen-  
did since I saw you un-  
til the other day, my  
poor brain went on  
strike suddenly and  
I have been about  
half myself since.

You are at liberty to  
take as much as you  
choose at this. Some  
parts of it will have  
to be paid a little,  
but on the whole it  
is well enough ex-  
cept some poor sen-  
tences and overstat-  
ed words which  
show the state of

My Train when it was  
written.

Yours truly

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