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5.30. p.m.

My dear Wife: I have just taken
the last page-proof to Put-
nam's. The book is just 130
pages: very neat and nice.
Will send you copies in a
few days.

Have been speaking today
at the Com-Travellers' League
dinner-meeting. Had about
2000 audience. You may
find something of it in the
Tribune. I don't know.



Anyhow, I made a very good speech — perhaps not as funny as I ought to have made it, but very sincere & persuasive. Will see what they say of it.

Jack read the story last night and pronounces it the most original and fascinating he ever read. I shall work on it to



right and hope to get it
ready for him to take to
the Century tomorrow.

Plums came, very nice
and very sweet - of you
to send them.

Yours
William -

...I enclose circulars of a
new food - It is delicious.
Went and saw it made.
When I get some money
shall send a box. A