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My dear Sir:

I write to thank you for your kind expressions about Mc Clure's made to Mr. Baker when he called upon you the other day. It was really helpful and encouraging to know that you like our magazine and that you read it. I am grateful to you for the courtesy you showed to Mr. Baker.

Of course, we cannot yet quite accept as final what you said about giving him material for an article. It seems to me that our magazine is the proper place for a popular article about you and your work. We know pretty well what we want and why we want it, and it is hard for us to give up a cherished plan. We are endeavoring to give in Mc Clure's good literature and really sound, authentic reports of the newest knowledge and science. Your contribution to science is one of the most notable made by an American, and certainly the most notable in your field made by any one. We wish to tell about you and your work in an interesting, dignified, simple way, in a way that will not at all conflict with whatever you may write yourself or what may be published elsewhere. We would like to illustrate it; we would like to get the best artist for the purpose, who would give pictures--reconstructions of the life in the earlier ages of the world that you have seen more clearly than anybody else; the animals, their form, habits that you have discovered and investigated.

We publish from 320,000 to 335,000 copies a month and I suppose that the magazine is seen by a million people each month. I don't speak of this because I imagine for a moment that this fact will appeal to you particularly. The only point I want to make is that here is a great body of readers who look to Mc Clure's for a part, at least, of their instruction in the achievements of science and to whom we might, if you would permit us, present a fascinating story of scientific achievement that would be interesting and instructive and stimulating.

I hope that you may be willing to see Mr. Baker again some time and let him at least try to prepare an article which, of course, we would submit for your approval before publication.

Very sincerely yours,

John S. Phillips