

[if the earlier 15th letter is correct then Weds is 20th so the following letter is probably dated 20th December]

Weds Night

Dear Mr Crockett

Have you finally fixed on the title of your new story? I have come back to your first title, the dark of the Moon As the true title. I tried it in a drawing room full of your friends to night, including Drummond, and we all agreed that your original title was by far the best and that the element of mystery and surprise that is in it enhances the title page. I am bound to do my best to get the true title affixed to this tale as I have something to do I fear in leading you away from it. I shall delight if I see or hear that you have returned to your first and best inspiration.

with deepest interest in all your work and plans

sincerely

A Whyte.

note from Crockett: from my friend Doctor Alexander White, a true literary critic who advocates my original title of the Dark of the Moon, which I also to this day like best. I suppose you do not like it.

Memo: The third part of the Raiders here with re-copied and corrected for press. Mr Watt writes that the Raiders title has been used. I trust this is not so. Someone had just told him so, but he had not been able to substantiate it. Can one not find out at Stationers Hall or somewhere Crockett.