

1<sup>st</sup> November 1913

My dear Alex,

Yes of course, decide for me on the Hodder Williams Sixpenny offers and all such things. Just let me know any new stories you book for me and I will write 'em.

I am glad you are again on deck. I have had a rotten time for a fortnight - unable to work or to settle on a subject suffering a good deal of pain and being "doped" stupid by asses of doctors. Thank God I am seeing daylight out of that wood. Still my grey matter upstairs won't be the worst of a rest. Since January 1913, ten months ago, I have written

1. The Tatter of Scarlet
2. Silver Sand
3. Hal of the Ironsides

all full sized books, besides short stories and the six of "Peter the Renegade"

How's that Umpire? Many things are simmering in my brain but I can't till I am a bit better fix on any to go ahead with.

You won't forget that Hodder Williams promised when he put back "The Tatter" till the Autumn to pay for that book in the Spring of this year (which he did) and also for "Silver Sand" this Autumn, and that I am depending (or rather Anderson is) on that promise. I think when he sees "Hal of the Ironsides", he will be the more ready to give me a new commission.

Ever your friend

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