

15th June 1910

My Dear Watt,

I think Mr Paget should be allowed to do anything he can as to second serial rights or unsold serial rights in the USA. I quite agree with the ideas expressed in your letter of June 6th. I am just returned from the hills where I was recruiting. Now I am finishing "Pernicketty Town" and will send it on when ready, as it soon will be if I get peacefully to work.

I received Anderson's letter and replied directly by wire and pen in due course. Keep him as quiet as you can so that I can finish my book in peace and do the first of the detective yarns before I come to London.

Please also keep my son Philip in your mind's eye. I would put him into an office or anything to get him away from Peebles. He is in love with a girl (one of the Thorburns) - a good upright girl, but much older and richer than he can look for and is (I think) inclined to remain on the spot and waste his time. If McBride or you can find him anything to do, I should be grateful - even if it were only temporary and the salary small or even absent. I want him to be doing something.

I hope to be finished with my work and to be on my way back towards the end of next month or the first week of August.

Ever cordially your friend,

S.R. Crockett