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Jan 25th

Dear Unwin,

I think tablet advert; a capital idea for making known The Raiders. It was strange that I should write to ask about a 5th edition when your letter was on the way as the proof to pass of its title etc. I do hope you will stick to the characteristic green ribbed cloth of the Stickit for the cover. Even if you front title differently. You can make a very nice book of it if you don't make it too thick. I suppose buckram is too dear. Green buckram is very swagger, I assure you (probably also in price) We have been well and characteristically. Don't let us fall into the net of Haggard & Cassells, neither of which firms have any more taste in getting up a book than my old cow in the meadow there. Upon my faith they haven't. Look at Kidnapped and even Catriona. Look at Haggard's book – machine made, scissor trimmed, cabbage garden abortions. There! How's that for relieving the mind. Let us keep on and not follow after. If I can't beat these fellows (I don't mean RLS) Haggard, Barrie, and so on, call me knave and no man. So if you can't stand buckram, give me first rated green cloth, like what Nutt put on Henley and Stevenson's plays and keep the book thin – on a light, slightly toned, unsized antique paper.

Them's my sentiments. Mark them TFU says Amen which is a laudable exclamation at most any time.

Ever yours

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