

Letter from A.P. Watt to L.H. Bliss

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L.H. Bliss Esq.
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Dear Mr. Bliss,

I have now seen Mr. Hutchinson in reference to the date on which you are to be at liberty to publish "Lad's Love" in book form. I found Mr. Hutchinson very much opposed to the publication of the book prior to his publication of the last instalment of his portion of the story in "The Lady's Realm" on the 1st April. After a somewhat lengthy discussion, however, I was able to get him to agree to your publishing on March 15th, provided you would be willing to pay him the sum of £20. When you spoke of being willing to pay as much as £40 when I saw you here last I took it upon myself to tell Mr. Hutchinson that he could consider the matter closed on this basis. Will you, under these circumstances, please let me have your cheque for £20 in order that I may send it on to Mr. Hutchinson without delay.

Believe me, Dear Mr. Bliss,

Yours very sincerely,

Watt

P.S. In reply to your letter of yesterday's date, I am afraid that there is no prospect whatever of Mr. Hutchinson being agreeable that the dear edition of the book should be published before the 15th March. It has just occurred to me that if you are publishing it so early as March 15th it will be necessary for us to send complete corrected 'copy' of the book to America not later than the 15th of this month. I trust you will be able to let me have complete corrected proofs by that date and some portion of it even earlier.