

Bank House
Penicuik
Midlothian
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My Dear Thin,

You are a good chap to fall back upon. I am writing some stories involving farming. Would you kindly send me when you get this or as soon as you can Stephen's Book of the Farm 4th Edition (3 vols) Blackwood.

The Lilac though more criticised than any other book, has perhaps been more read and more liked. The 3rd Edition follows currently on the second, and is now going to the press, making twenty six thousand.

Lang has just been staying with us for a week and we found him charming. He is most delightful after you understand his queer ways. He and I get on first class - which you would not suspect. I hope if convenient to be sorning at you some time through the winter. I fear my first occasions I have to go to my excellent brother-in-law's. I would far rather be in Mrs Thin's jurisdiction - to whom all kind love.

Are you two never coming out to see us? All Saturdays are free.

Affectionately yours

S.R. Crockett

The Barries are coming next week.