

“The Black Douglas has (for) me reached record figures in America and is in his 4th edition here (printing anyway) But my! wasn't he gory!

Bank House,  
Penicuik,  
Midlothian.

Dear Douglas

I've just got your letter. It missed me at Copenhagen and never overtook me. I am the gent wot wanders up and down the earth and “goes to and fro upon it” - in the beginning of the Book of Job, you'll remember.

I had a nasty operation in the jaw in spring but now I'm pretty fit again.

My duty and service to ‘the pretty girl’ and all your circle

Ever yours

S.R. Crockett