

Bank House

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Dear Mr Hocking

I am much indebted to you for your kind letter which touched me much – and my wife more.

I am glad you like The Raiders. The dialect is a bother I know; but there are infinite and untrodden depths in its tenderness. I shall stick to it yet awhile, though here and there I make excursions as in this month's Pall Mall Magazine.

One I wrote a very bad story for a little paper called the Young Woman with a kind of Southport atmosphere. But my wife laughed so much that I swore I should never do so any more.

I have friends and good ones too in Southport and like much to come there, though I have not got there for some years now

Permit me to say that I was much moved long ago when a student, of your story 'Her Being' and my wife (daughter of George Milner of Country Pleasures and the Manchester Literary Club) likes your Manchester story 'Chips'

With Kind regard

Faithfully yours

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