

April 29, 1915.

Dr. F. S. McKay,

Colorado Springs, Colorado.

Dear Doctor:-

I just this moment received your letter of the 24th inst, and because of certain emergencies I will be unable to write you fully today, but I wish to express my thanks for this renewed favor from you, if nothing more.

I am having troubles of my own, as you will see in a few days when you receive a complimentary copy of a book.

I was particularly interested in what you said about your consultation with Dr. Kirk, and will be particularly interested in his reply. We are having pictures prepared for publication, I may say by the thousand, and have been for some time, and there are many ins and outs about it. Of course I see no other way for you, with your experience, to do those things except as you suggest. If you don't have fun before you get through, I will be very much disappointed, but I know you will face it as best you can and as carefully as you can, and that is all any man can do.

About that title, I am a little surprised at what you have written me in this letter. Any attempt to tell what one knows in a title, is the most futile thing that I know of. If there is anything to be known about this matter, it may be embodied in one word practically, and what that word may mean is an important item, and let me say this - it will mean what you and I work into it, as the first men who have written of it.

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In regard to others having known this before, there are vast differences as to the world's comprehension of that idea "known before" and that of pure science. To pure science there is nothing known that is not written and published. What this manor that man may have known amounts absolutely to nothing unless he has written of it. In that sense there is absolutely nothing known of this. I have seen a good many things written that some men would say were like this. I have written quite a number of things myself that many men will say are just like this. It is in no wise true. I wonder if you see my point. Just think this over for a moment. I will be glad to hear what you think of it. I am writing of course with reference to the title. What you say of the affection otherwise than this one criticism I have made, is true enough and is not in question at all. It is simply a matter of propriety in authorship.

Thanking you for past favors, and hoping to have very much more pleasure in the future from what you do, I am,

Very truly yours,

P.S. I shall be particularly glad to know what you think of Brownin after having read the little scrap that I have written about it.