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Miss Laura Gilpin,
Care Miss Brenda Putnam,
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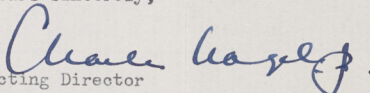
Dear Miss Gilpin:

We were delighted to learn from your letter of May 15th that your print, RAIN DROPS ON LUPIN LEAVES, will remain here to be included in our collection. We began only a few years ago to build a collection of photographic prints and it is still a very small group but contains only fine examples.

We are glad to return the print to you, as you request, and shall mail it to the above address today or tomorrow. As a matter of fact, your request gives us an opportunity to ask a favor of you. The print has come almost completely loosened from the mounting tissue and is buckling, possibly due to the extremely damp weather we have had for many weeks. I believe the remounting should be done by an experienced person and hope it is not asking too much of you to take care of this while the print is back in your hands.

Our cheque for ten dollars will follow shortly. May I say again that we appreciate your cooperation in our project of building up a collection of photographic prints of high caliber.

Yours sincerely,


Acting Director

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P.S. The return of the prints in our exhibition was in the hands of the Photographic Salon Society of Saint Louis and I have just learned from Mr. Greene, the Chairman of the Committee, that the prints have been returned to the owners and, unfortunately, yours have gone back to Colorado.