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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Santa Fe
New Mexico

Dear Miss Gilpin:

I am enclosing the August copy of PEN MAGAZINE which contains my article, "Highway Rio Grande." I think that the illustrations look very well indeed. The ones that I got from you are especially lovely.

Pen Magazine seems like a trivial little affair, but it has had the distinction, not too long ago, of being sought after by Reader's Digest. They pay three cents a word (which is a drop of 2 cents.) Their payment for pictures, however, is atrociously low, being now only \$2.00 a picture, which is a drop of \$3.00. Since you are a writer, I thought you would be interested in their rate of payment.

I am not surprised that you knew nothing concerning this venture down the Upper Rio Grande. 1874 is a long time ago, and as far as I know, there are only two copies in existence of the newspaper which reported the hazardous journey. Of course, as the daughter of the artist, I have heard the story many times. I have sold several historical features, concerning my father, and I hope to complete my book in not too long a time.

Please send me the little magazine when you are through reading it. I am limited in copies.

If you are ever in Denver, please look me up. It will be nice to know you.

Very sincerely,

Kate Howland Charles

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