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Dear Mrs. Abbot:-

Your letter with the enclosure of the copy of Mr. Holme's letter to you came over two weeks ago. I am working on two possible angles for help on this book. Nothing definite yet and I have not yet heard from the most promising one. It is possible that it will be necessary to have the material in New York for inspection and while I also need it here, will you keep it a little longer until you hear from me again?

I quite well understand your discouragement and don't think I do not appreciate all the good effort you have put into this. It is discouraging but I am not giving up by any means and I am hopeful that my most recent angle will do the trick. I should be hearing before long unless the party is away for a short time, but even so it will not be long to get an answer.

In the meantime our agony of moving and building a new darkroom, getting settled and paying all the bills(!) is about over and I am functioning again. I was certainly thrown completely off balance by this sudden necessity.

With best wishes and good hopes,

Sincerely yours,