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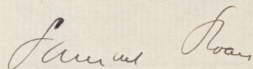
Dear Miss Gilpin:

Mr. Duell and I, as well as our associates, have been particularly interested to read the manuscript *DENIZENS OF THE DESERT*, which you have sent to us at the suggestion of George Palmer Putnam, and to admire the truly beautiful photographs which accompany it. In other times we would be very much attracted to the project of undertaking this book and I hope that we may consider it again when the war is over. Unfortunately, however, paper restrictions and other factors are such that we simply do not feel that we should try to publish it now.

Major Putnam also mentioned to me the possibility of your doing a book on Central City. The same considerations of course apply to this but, as I wrote to Major Putnam, this is also a venture which has its marked appeal for us. I have on occasion discussed the possibility with Robert Edmond Jones of his doing a book on Central City and it has occurred to me that perhaps a book by him illustrated with your photographs might be an attractive idea to you both.

We shall hold the manuscript for your instructions, and thank you very much indeed for sending it to us.

Sincerely,



Miss Laura Gilpin
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