

Dec. 9, 1941.

Mr. Walter Frese,
Hastings House,
67 West 44th St.,
New York City

Dear Mr. Frese:-

The 36 pages came this morning
and I am delighted with them.

In the midst of war news and all the many
changes it involves one little book seems
insignificant and yet it is very important
to me. So much work has gone into it that
it will mean a great deal to see it in a
permanent related form. The reproductions
are excellent and as I thankful I clicked
about the Indian designs: they make the accept
that makes the layout sing.

Now for some practical details. The
stores here are getting anxious and have been
telling customers they cannot promise them
the book in time for Christmas. I know of
one cancellation because it was wanted for
a gift to be sent away. Can you notify
the stores here and in Denver just when they
will receive their copies, and please notify
by air mail? I am hoping for my first copy
possibly the end of this week or Monday and
hope this will prove correct.

I was sorry not to see the book listed in

the long list of Christmas books in this week's NATION. However, the Christmas sales will be perhaps more important right here than elsewhere. In Santa Fe last week they told me that they were counting on it for next summer more than for anything else.

It might be well to send some sort of notice to the Camera magazines. They certainly list and review books, though I do not know if other photographers ever buy books by other photographers!

The arrival of this set of pages has been the one bright spot in these two days of shock and beginning realization of what we may be up against. Perhaps the hardest thing to do is to keep at one's work with "business as usual". Perhaps the U.S.A. will get into inst stride soon but I wish as a people we had more of the fine level headedness of the British.

Hoping that all is now going smoothly, and that publication day will soon be here,

Very sincerely yours,