

March 17, 1942.

Mr. Walter Frese,
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Dear Mr. Frese:-

The package of prints sent in for your America book were returned yesterday and I am pleased to know that a few of mine are being considered, also one print by one of my students.

A few reviews of THE PUEBLOS have reached me and I am gratified to see that they are really favorable. Yesterday I received the news of a review by Dr. Clyde Fisher of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum which is to appear in a forth coming issue of NATURAL HISTORY MAGAZINE. If the sales build up in a corresponding manner it will be fine.

Last week we had the pleasure here in Colorado Springs of having Lillian Gish in the play "Life with Father". She was taking her sister's place who has been ill. I had the great pleasure and interest ten years ago of photographing Lillian Gish at Central City at the time of her performance there of Camille. To my delight and astonishment she went into a book store here and bought six copies of my book!

I don't suppose it will be practical for some time to go to Yucatan again. If I could only get back there, I could so easily secure enough material on the natives and their relation with the Mayan temple ruins to add sufficient interest of a human nature angle to round that series out into a book that I do believe would sell if THE PUEBLOS does and of-course it does tie in. When I made the architectural series which I sent on to you some time ago, I had no idea of a book in mind. But I can now visualize very easily how these pictures could be incorporated into a book which would have a wider interest than the purely architectural. I was there for such a short time, but long enough to be fully aware of the wealth of material there is in Yucatan of an original kind which should be utilized. For a long time I have been thinking about a series of books, related in general idea which could follow THE PUEBLOS. But of course the first step is to have this on a success.

Did you see the review in the Christian Science Monitor of March 7th? Someone sent it to me. I am much gratified to receive such an excellent review from this

newspaper which has such a high standing in this very field of review.

Of-course we still await your verdict on the Navaho book with eagerness. I am sure that in these troubled times you must weigh everything very carefully. But dont forget that lambing time in Navaholand is in April and if I am to finish the series, I must be getting down there before too long. I am saving my tires for it!

I am writing to Mr. Bradbury regarding the reviews which he may send me to see, which of-course I shall return promptly.

Cordially, yours,