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Miss Laura Gilpin
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Dear Miss Gilpin:

This Spring, under the editorship of Samuel Chamberlain, Hastings House is publishing a book on the American scene which, I believe, will serve as a timely and moving tribute to the American way of life which we are now defending against Axis aggression.

Among the many things Americans cherish and are willing to fight for in this free land is the physical beauty of America itself. This book will attempt to remind its readers that the fair face of America is beautiful, and that we cannot allow its beauty to be despoiled. Too often we take the nostalgic charm of our countryside for granted. This book will endeavor to recall the splendor of this broad land, from one border to the other, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and to draw a heart-warming picture of this America by means of prints and photographs by America's outstanding artists.

In size and format, this book on the American scene, as yet unnamed, will resemble *THIS REALM, THIS ENGLAND*. It will be printed in rich, sheet-fed gravure, a process which does full justice to prints, lithographs, drawings and photographs.

Naturally we want very much to include some of your own splendid work. I am writing, therefore, to ask if you would be good enough to send us a selection of your photographs for possible use in this volume. We are not looking for "news-worthy" shots. Rather we hope to find heart-warming pictures which show the sheer beauty of America, pictures which will, if possible, raise a lump in a few throats. You have made many such photographs in your part of the country, and I hope that you will be able to send us a selection of them at your early convenience.

Hastings House will pay the usual book publication rate of \$5.00 for each photograph used, and will take good care of the prints while they are in our hands. Full acknowledgement will be given to each contributor in the book.

Cordially yours,

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