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Dear Jane:

How thoughtful of you to drop me a card from Sutton! And what a bum I am for not having written back sooner!

When your card came I was beating the tar out of this old machine to finish a manuscript that I'd promised to have in New York by October first. It was no sooner in the mail than I was crazy enough to take an assignment to write the script for a pageant presenting the Bear Flag Rebellion of 1846, and to have it completed by November 1st. I just "snuck" under the wire, and am now trying to catch up on my knee-deep mail.

I can think of few things that I'd rather do than to come back to the Sandhills for another visit with you and all the wonderful people I met there last spring, and to wear a few blisters on my hands helping the Mannings put up a few of those "100" haystacks.

Wasn't that a nice ride we had from North Platte to Theedford! I could almost have wept when I read of the fire at the Halsey forest preserve. Was the damage enough that it will badly affect the entire forest?

As you make your rounds of the Lower Sandhills district, do remember me to all the fine folks I met there, and tell them that the warmth of their welcome will live in my heart as long as I live.

Ever,

Ralph