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Dear Ralph:

The very first copy of "The Case of the Green-Eyed Sister" is just off the press, and I am sending it to you.

You will note that this contains a certificate from the printers that it was the first book to be manufactured in the first edition.

I'm leaving for Chicago, Detroit, Cleveland, New York, Boston and Toronto within a few days, and was hoping I could stop over in Lansing, but I can't make it. I hope very much that LeMoyne will have an opportunity to catch me in Detroit, but I don't know just what his schedule is, and he'll be working on short notice.

I am glad to report that even in the hard cover edition these forewords and dedications are attracting a great deal of interest, and within a few weeks now the first book, which is dedicated to Captain Lee, will be released in the twenty-five cent reprint edition.

Judging by past records this book will sell somewhere around two million copies, and that means that a lot of people by and large will have an opportunity to get acquainted with Captain Lee. -- From then on each book that comes out written under my name will have been dedicated to some outstanding figure in the field of legal medicine or police science, with an appropriate foreword. I think the cumulative effect of these in the popular editions will do a great deal of good.

I'm running around in circles trying to get away, but

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want to get this book off to you with an explanatory note. (The book isn't officially listed as going on sale until some time in November, I believe, so it won't be in the bookstores for a while yet.)

Kindest regards and best wishes.

Sincerely yours,



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