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Mr. Sims Ely
Waverly Sanitarium
Rockville Pike
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Dear Mr. Ely:

I was thoroughly delighted to receive your letter of April 3rd - in part just to hear from you, but also to know that you had made such a splendid recovery from your illness. I just hope that when I'm eighty-eight I shall be as eager and as energetic as you are.

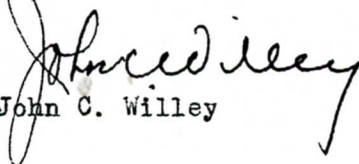
I really don't think I need the copy of the manuscript which Northcutt now has until the revisions have been completed. So why don't you keep it until you've had an opportunity to work it over.

That's really an extraordinary tale you've told in the Lost Dutchman, and both Thayer Hobson and I are quite excited about it. I'm confident it is going to be a book of great interest to a lot of people.

As you suggested, I'm sending a copy of this letter to Northcutt.

With very best wishes,

Yours sincerely,


John C. Willey

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