

As to the illustrations for the present work, I have just completed the plans & have sketches for all illustrations that go with the text. It was not possible until now to decide on the full page illustrations. The final scene in the Mandan but must be a full page picture as the dome that complex light & shadow effect (it is a night scene) could not possibly be expressed in a small pen & ink drawing.

I shall send you sketches as soon as I have duplicates.

I shall have great difficulties in finishing the drawings in the near future as we are going to move in about a week or two & are already beginning to move much of our property. I shall lose a week at least on that account for my work on the book.

I shall try to send you at least a few pen & ink drawings in the final shape after a week or so.

Suggestions: Chap. 8 p. 4. elk on the prairie "in great herds". I know that they formerly occurred also on the plains but were they there in great herds? Have you a good authority for that statement?