

Page Mr Weygold:-

I have your letter. I am much flattered by your praise of chapter 8. I felt somehow that there was not enough natural background for my Indians, and that to leave out the mountains would be fatal to making a really typical story. Of course, I have never seen the Rockies but spent a summer in the Alps and have read and viewed the Rockies often. If I had known you were familiar with the Glacier Park region, I would have asked for information before now.

I must admit that Parkman is a master that I lag far behind. He always gets the right word and the unforgettable phrase.

I think you ought not hurry over your work. I can wait. I believe that the MS will be much more interesting to a publisher with the illustrations at hand.

I have decided to retain Happy Hunting Grounds as the title. I will also keep it at the end of the story, as you suggest, I mean as the final phrase, and make a note on it in the Appendix.

I have not the necessary information which would enable me to change the geography of my Thunder Maker camp. I think you would be quite justified in altering the view (of the snow field only) from the Going-to-the-Sun Chalets, so as to give the effect of the face as seen from across the lake. This will leave the text as it is. No doubt you can retain the true outlines of the field in parts not actually portions of the face, so as not to depart too far from facts. I think the book would lose in interest and selling value if we changed the location of the camp where the shield is made.

I will mention the time of the yarn in the preface.

I am giving all your suggestions careful consideration.

Please find enclosed a somewhat revised version of Chap 8. I was not satisfied with the description of the mountain region, and have collected a number of descriptions and tried to make them fit. Please return the text when you have read it, with any criticisms you may have.

As regards the book you outline, I think that, if I could do it, it would be very much worth while. I have long desired to go to the Yellowstone for a whole summer. My plan has been to get a team and a tipi and travel where I choose, away from the tourists camps, riding the horses or walking from a camp centrally located, and then moving on to some other location and scouting there in similar manner. My only obstacle is poverty. I have a family now, and my salary is not very great. But if things turn out so that it can be done, I would like nothing better than to pass such a summer with you. I take it that you would rather enjoy living in a tipi, and I can pitch one. In fact I have had two of my own. I believe that such an outing would be much less expensive than living in the camps, for the horses might be sold again at the end of the summer.

I will think over your proposition. It may be that we can do something of the kind within a year or two. It is worth while. The only book of the sort that I know of is Eastman's Red Hunters and the Animal People, which is not very adequate and unillustrated. There are some good old out of print authors quoted in Grinnell's Beyond the Old Frontier.

Your sincerely,