

Dear Mr. Weygold:

I must thank you for returning the copy of my letter. It contained the matter I wanted, and I was interested in your notations also.

I have been unusually busy this month and it seems as though the condition would be chronic. However, I have given some thought to our book of myths, and have a very rough tentative sketch of the plan of the book, and the distribution of the myths and areas..as follows--.

The book falls into two parts- the first of the cosmic beliefs as told in myths as follows:

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| | (culture areas) |
| 1. The creation and origin of man... | California..(most dignified) |
| 2. the Sacred numbers..... | Nahuas (Quiches?) |
| 3. the earthly paradise (migrations etc)... | Pueblo.(contrast with dese) |
| 4. deluge..... | Chibcha |
| 5. thunder(bird & serpent)..... | Plains (thunderstorms so striking) |
| 6. savior Viracocha | Inca |
| 7. Hereafter | Eastern USA (Huron?) |

In addition to these myths, I should introduce perhaps one more in each section, one that is typical of the area. There need be no apparent break between the two parts. The second part of the book would contain miscellaneous myths, most typical of the area of that section...as follows:- (2 myths in each).

8. Raven legends...North Pacific coast
9. Magic Flight, unfaithful wife...Plateau
10. (Cherokee myth) Southeastern area USA
11. myths of the goddess of the sea beasts--Eskimo.
12. Mackenzie area (know none from which to choose.)
13. Guanaco area (have not explored its myths at all)
14. Animal tales..Amazon area
15. Folk tales (similar to Uncle Remus')..Antilles.

I have checked with a pencil those which you should find means to illustrate.

To date I have not decided on any specific myth for the book...but have learned something of the names of typical myths of certain areas, and hope soon to begin reading..

NB..an alternate arrangement (which might fit in better with your decorative scheme of seven illustrations..would be to distribute the myths (sections 8-15 inclusive) among the first seven sections of the book, as nearly as might be for subject, contrast, etc..as the Raven myths might be placed alongside the dignity of the creation myths. in section I. Let me have you opinion of this. And do you think 30 myths too many for the book? would 15 be better? Advise me.

I have word that our book is coming home again. When it does, I shall let you know where I am going to send it next. One publisher actually wrote me about it, but I fancy he is one who expects authors to pay for the job of printing in advance, which is quite impossible.