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Dear Paul:-

I'm sending you a few chapters of a Rat Story that I wrote for you as a change from Ebenezer. If you do not like it as well, let me know, for I can switch back again to Eb at any time. You know he is such an old friend of ours, that it would be impossible for us to forget him or his active and highly accomplished grandma. His grandpa too, will always have a warm corner in our hearts, even if he did have a weakness for "swipin chicken". Human nature is weak, and poor grandpa was so constructed, that he could not pass a hen coop without looking in, and when he looked, it was all up with him, poor fellow.

I hear Paul, that you are working in the field, and doing the work of two or three men, I don't remember which. That is well, I see that you take after your aunt Nellie, and I made no mistake when I made you my heir. If Margaret doesn't like this, tell her that I got her christened, that she would not have any solid name no more than a rabbit if it was not for me. Also that I will always take good care of her, whenever she is with me, but I cannot leave her my wealth, as my will was made before I made her acquaintance. Good bye dear. Give my love to all, and write me sometimes.

*From Aunt Nellie.*