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Dear Mr. Boyd,

I'm terribly sorry once again for the delay in writing you. We've been slowly and painfully gathering the illustrations of your article from a variety of sources and plan to publish it this summer. Our check in payment went off to you a short while ago. You've been extremely cooperative in all our dealings and I'm only sorry that we haven't been as prompt ourselves. I can assure you that we will be much more efficient in the future.

As for your book about "The Australian Ugliness," it sounds to me like a real possibility for publication in America. Indeed, I think that sharp, perceptive, and frank criticism of American architecture, particularly suburban domestic architecture, has been notably lacking. So I'm looking forward to receiving the book, and as soon as it arrives I will read it and see what I think. If it does seem a possibility for revision along the lines you suggest, I will take the liberty of showing it to the editors here at Harper and Brothers, who, if they did get interested, could do a good job of publication. But if Harper's is not interested, I do know a good many people in the publishing world here, and would undertake to make some inquiries on behalf of the project you outline. Incidentally, since the articles you have written for us so far are not chiefly concerned with the architecture of the family house, it would seem to me that perhaps another piece could come out of your revision of the Australian book for American purposes.

As I say, I will be writing to you about all this when I receive the book from Australia, and you should be getting proofs from us for the architectural article reasonably soon.

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Yours sincerely,

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