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Mr. R. Ponsonby Fane,
Hong Kong, China.

Dear Mr. Fane:

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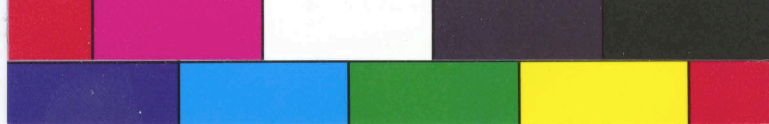
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While I am at present in San Francisco, my stay here is uncertain, so I am giving you the office address in Chicago.

Cordially yours,

1221 Marquette Bldg.
Chicago, Illinois.

(Mrs. Murray Warner)



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