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Mrs. J. M. Williams,
1114 Paquin,
Columbia, Missouri.

My dear Mrs. Williams:

Your good letter of September 29 received, and I am glad to hear from you, I assure you. It would be good to have a visit with you.

I am glad to know that you are interested in this ambitious young man who is receiving instruction in the physical education department at the teachers college. You ask concerning my football book. Doubtless you refer to my new text on basketball, entitled "Better Basketball", published by McGraw-Hill and Company, of New York.

Some fourteen years ago I published a book called "My Basketball Bible". It had a circulation sale of 15,000 copies, and last year I wrote this new book, "Better Basketball". The publishers spent over \$3,000 in publishing this book. They sell these books, as they do all of their other publications, to athletic goods houses and book concerns. The author gets but ten per cent of their sale price, so you see that as much as I desire to help the young man out, I do not possess copies because I wrote the book. If I should want to purchase a copy I would have to pay for it like anyone else.

I assure you that I forgive you for asking for this because the presumption generally is that because a fellow writes a book he possesses copies of it.

I have this observation to make. Since the young man is in this field it is possible for him to go to the library of the teachers college or any school library and get the information from this book. All libraries handle these books and it is not necessary that he possess a copy until he can get sufficient funds to purchase one. I believe this is one of the values that we get in education. We cannot possess personally all of these things, but we do have access to them through sources provided by educators.