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Mr. Bert McDonald,
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Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Dear Mr. McDonald:

I have waited quite a little time to answer your good letter of the 23rd ultimo so that I might have ample time to give to your inquiry.

You need never apologize for your stationary. I think it is fine, and I think you do a mighty good job in composing a letter. I merely wanted to help you, knowing that in many times past I have received some very friendly boosts that meant much to me, and I am merely passing the same thought and help along to the other fellow.

Your first letter conveyed to me the definite conviction that you were in this job to help the boys and that struck a responsive chord in my make up, and I was helping you in helping them.

I want to assure you that any time you have any diagrams or play situations that you would like ironed out, I would ask that you diagram them on a sheet and leave room enough for me to write below it and present the diagram of my interpretation where I think it would be helpful to you.

You are very kind to shower me with compliments, and I assure you that I do not deserve them, but I am always glad to help the other fellow.

Your boyhood life is typical of many boys who have had unusual ambitions and for one reason or another the plans didn't work out. I have known so many boys during my own boyhood whose parents were railroad men that I feel I know your situation well. During those troublesome war days I know how the whole individual emotional equilibrium was upset.

It was unfortunate that you did not have some close friend who knew of your athletic prowess in high school. By having some influential friend undoubtedly you could have obtained a job. I have always said that you need friends or pull to help you get into a job, but you have got to keep the job on your own when you once get it. Apparently you were not able to have that friend who could advise you and cooperate with some college in getting you started. If you had gotten started you would undoubtedly have made it.