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Mr. Charles Strickland,
Peoples Gas and Electric Co.,
Mason City, Iowa.

Dear Chuck:

Thank you for your good letter of the 24th instant. I, too, was sorry that our visit was so brief, but I know that it was necessary for you to hustle back to Mason City, and we had to hike on to Des Moines to make our connections to Kansas City. So it was just one of those times when we found ourselves in a rush.

It was too bad to throw a ball game away that we had in the bag, but that is just what we did. Our kids are youngsters, and they will develop with age, we hope. Certainly an experience like they had there will make them think a little more seriously when they get a four-point lead, and not blaze into the baskets without the slightest provocation.

Yes, indeed, I remember Johnnie Siesseger, of Clear Lake. I am writing him a letter today, as you suggest, and I am also autographing my new book, which is called "Better Basketball" and sending it to him in today's mail. You can count on my putting a very proper autograph in this book for Johnnie. The book is \$4.00 and I believe it is worth every penny of it. Certainly I labored long and hard, and I will let Johnnie and his dad tell you whether they think you spent your money wisely or not.

I know Johnnie will enjoy the book, even though that may sound like boasting from me. When you visit his father I want you to read the stories in the back of the book - some football and basketball yarns that I have had something to do with and they all involve Kansas. It is a chapter under the heading "Tales of Yesteryears", which tell about Harley Little's run on that dream touchdown game, the 20 to 20 tie of 1920, and several basketball games that I think will make you thrill at the reading of them.