

Dec.30. 40.

Dear Mrs. Hogarth:

many thanks for your letters of Dec.26 and 27 and the MSs. which arrived safely. I shall return them to you before Jan.66

I am sorry that there seems to be a misunderstanding about the question of the patent, all the more as I feel that you might think that I am taking advantage of the situation

As I wrote you in my last letter I never intended to take out a patent, but nevertheless welcomed the idea that H.M. wanted to do so as I felt it would be a sort of publicity for my books. - I hope we shall have the occasion to straighten this up next time you will come to New York.

As to the new texts I think they are very nice and satisfactory. There are a few things in Curious George which I should like to talk over with you, f.i. if the text could not be in present all the time instead of the past. I would prefer that. And on a few pages I have the feeling that the text could be a little little more explicit and longer. But I think we shall be able to talk that over as I hope you will come here again.

As to the removing 8 pages of the book I went through it carefully today and I think that can be done without doing too much harm to the book. I feel that page 16, 17, 20 and 28 can be removed and the text has of course to be altered accordingly.

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I am now americanizing the firemen's helmets which unfortunately are not very colorful in this country. I better write to Mayor La Guardia and propose brass helmets.

Yours sincerely





