

H.S. I give permission to the magazine to shorten the article if need be.

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Fire among
Hands?

Dearest Florence:

I am enclosing herewith an article for your consideration. Can you repost it to the Editor of Vanity Fair which magazine, I understand, is interested in such articles, and pays very well. In case of refusal, can you see

Carl Brandt,
101 Park Avenue, New York City,

who is, I understand, a reliable literary agent, and make arrangements with him about the sale of this and other articles. I wish to send my articles directly to him, because I know it is an awful nuisance for you. I do not wish to send them directly without your having first seen him, because one never can control a literary agent when one lives in Europe and he in America. If you would undertake this for me, I should be only too happy.

I am interested in making money from this article, and I don't care to give it to any magazine that is "struggling". I am sorry, but I have heavy responsibilities and I am making heavy demands upon my life in the future. I am going to deliberately try to write and sell my articles to the highest bidder. I will write as my ideals dictate, and my ideals are revolutionary. But I will sell anywhere. For I have debts and obligations, and I have to work hard to rebuild my life.

Therefore I ask you to see Carl Brandt and find out what his business terms are, what his standing is, and if he will undertake to sell my stuff. And if you can have the right to check up on him--put it nicely--if it is ever necessary. I don't want him to think that I am sitting here in Europe and he can sell my stuff and I never know anything about it.

It sounds heavy, doesn't it? I am not a business woman, I know, but really, dear Florence, I can't always be a beggar and a pauper, and I want a regular, steady business arrangement with some agent who gets the most he can for my articles in return for which he gets a percentage. I hate always to send my stuff to you, and think of you worrying your head about it, where you shall send it and why, and the discouragement and the worry. I can't go on loading my problems on your shoulders forever.

I am trying to write a series of short stories here, and shall see how it goes. The first one is finished--a short thing. Then I'm going to try and sell them in Berlin and in one city of each country here on the Continent. I'm grand with plans, but weak on the business end and the management.

Tell me what you think of the article. Write me.

Request - please let
I hear as soon about this for America, I
I think it is not good for America, I
Alyahov