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Preble D.K. Hatch Correspondence

Preble Dellos Kellogg Hatch 1898-1977

Mary Ann Hatch 1900-1990

Marion Emilie Johnson Hatch 1900-1990

Hilda McLeod Jacob

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HATCH, Preble D. K.

Troy, Maine, December 8, 1898.
July 27, 1950

Mr. Preble D. K. Hatch
14 Eaton Place
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Congratulations on the publication of your book, DON'T SHOOT THE BILL COLLECTOR. We look forward to September, and the arrival of our copy which is ordered for the lending section of the library.

At present, however, we write about the Maine Author Collection, a separate unit, which is not for lending, but is a permanent exhibit collection of books written by Maine people, or written about the state. Over fifteen hundred volumes comprise the exhibit, inscribed presentation copies of which we are understandably proud. The inscriptions are particularly interesting, showing a variety that is matched by the different kinds of books. Visitors and students are constantly attracted to the collection, which is a fine testimony to Maine's contribution to the world of books.

We also gather all available information about our authors, and keep their correspondence in special volumes which are a part of the collection.

DON'T SHOOT THE BILL COLLECTOR is certainly a Maine book by a Maine writer, and we hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy to the collection. Please accept our very good wishes for its success, and our cordial invitation to call at the library and see the exhibit when you are in Augusta.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
September 25, 1950

Mr. Preble D. K. Hatch  
14 Eaton Place  
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Today is publication day, is it not? We are most appreciative of your courtesy in having the copy for the Maine Author Collection sent in advance, and we have enjoyed learning about the trials of a bill collector. Dressed for publication, these adventures seem infinitely more hilarious than they very likely seemed to you as you experienced them.

DON'T SHOOT THE BILL COLLECTOR is an unusual collection of haps and mishaps, and it will surely be welcome reading for many who want to relax with real humor.

We think you are a Maine native, but we are not sure, having been unsuccessful in finding biographical information about you. Would you be so kind as to send us a brief sketch, at your convenience? We like to have information about our Maine authors as complete as possible.

Good luck to the new book. May its success be instant and enduring.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of  
Maine Author Collection
Maine Author Collection,
Augusta, Maine.

Att: Mrs Jacob:
Dear Mrs Jacob:

I am glad you enjoyed the book. I am giving you some brief facts on my background:

I was born in Troy, Maine December 8, 1898. My father is Charles A Hatch of Unity, Maine. My mother was a Nellie Gould - a brother to Dr Edwin Gould now deceased (Rockland, Maine). My parents are both living in Unity. When I was about a year old my folks moved to Unity. I attended the public schools at Unity and served in World War #I. I taught school for about seven years in Aroostook County. In 1928 I moved to Bangor Maine where I now reside.

I realize this is very brief but I believe it will give you the required information for your records.

Sincerely yours,

PDKH/1kj

Preble D. K. Hatch
October 2, 1950

Mr. Preble D. K. Hatch
P. O. Box 185
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Thank you very much for sending us the biographical sketch. It is just what we need, and we appreciate your taking the time to help us in the matter.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
September 12, 1952

Mr. Preble D. K. Hatch
14 Eaton Place
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Congratulations on the new book, HOMER, THE HANDYMAN. The advance notice makes us eager to see the book and make Homer's acquaintance.

We will mention it in the next Bulletin of the Maine Library Association (November), so that Maine librarians will know of its publication and availability; and we hope very much that your generous interest in the Maine Author Collection will continue, and that the exhibit may be honored by the inclusion of an inscribed copy to place beside DON'T SHOOT THE BILL COLLECTOR.

All good wishes for the new one.

Sincerely yours

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection

hmj
September 18, 1952

Mr. Preble D. K. Hatch
14 Eaton Place
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Having met Homer, we are warm with admiration for him and his accomplishments; and we suspect that although it will be considered fiction, it has a great deal of truth in it.

Thank you for the Maine Author Collection copy. We are delighted to be able to claim him as a truly Maine character, and we hope that his literary career will be as colorful and rewarding as your account of his life.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
Mr. Preble D. K. Hatch
14 Eaton Place
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Although the Maine Author Collection includes, through your generosity, two earlier books of yours, we realize that it still lacks EAT NOW -- BURP LATER. And of course we think that Mrs. Hatch's THE FUN FARM ought to be in the exhibit, too.

Are we over-optimistic to hope?

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection
In Brief

EAT NOW—BURP LATER, By Preble D. K. Hatch, Bangor: Coach House. 159 pages. $3.95.

HERE ARE 100 short jokes and longer humorous vignettes that will appeal to those who relish this type of writing. An example: "Remember: a young man yearns for a woman. After he gets her the 'y' is silent." Mr. Hatch will be remembered for a former book, "Don't Shoot the Bill Collector."

The author's wife, Mary Ann Hatch, has written a short book for children called "The Fun Farm" (also published by Coach House, 52 pages, $2.95). This is a series of simple stories about common animals that small youngsters will find both in farmyard and in the woods.
April 13, 1970

Mr. Preble D. K. Hatch
14 Eaton Place
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Mr. Hatch:

Thank you very much for acceding so generously to our request for the Maine Author Collection. We are glad to welcome EAT NOW -- BURP LATER and Mrs. Harch's THE FUN FARM.

And would Mrs. Hatch be willing to let us have a little biographical sketch some day? As you know, all the material we can gather about our writers goes into the file, and we are always eager to have the vital statistics and a paragraph or two about every author.

Again our thanks to you both.

Sincerely yours

hmj

In Charge of
Maine Author Collection