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LOOMIS, ALFRED Fullerton
Flatbush, New York.
August 23, 1890-
Alfred F(ullerton) Loomis, an author, was born in Flatbush, New York on August 23, 1890, the son of Charles Battell and May Charlotte (Fullerton) Loomis. He was educated in the public schools and Mt. Pleasant Military Academy, Ossining, New York, from 1906-1907 (non-grad.).

He married Priscilla Lockwood on June 5, 1922. They had four children--Alfred W., Robert L., Sarah W., and Harvey B.

He was a member of the editorial staff of Country Life (mag.) from 1907 to 1912; and associate editor of Motor Boating, New York, from 1913 to 1917.

He enlisted in U.S.N.R.F. on May 6, 1917; was assigned to Adriatic detachment of 110-foot sub-chasers; commd. ensign, at Spalato, Dalmatia, December 12, 1918. He navigated 28-foot yawl, Hippocampus, from New York to Panama, 1921; navigated 58-foot schooner, Pinta, in Transatlantic race for Queen of Spain's cup in 1928; navigated 61-foot schooner, Brilliant to England in 1933, and the J-class cutter, Yankee, in 1935. He was known for long distance small-boat cruising.

He is Councillor of the Author's Guild, and is a member of the following clubs: Royal Ocean Racing (England); Cruising of America, Cold Spring Harbor Beach, Huntington Yacht. Mr. Loomis was editor of the Yachtsman's Yearbook, for 1934 to 1935, and has been associate editor of Yachting since 1934.

His home is at 122 E. 76th. Street, New York, New York.

Mr. Alfred F. Loomis  
c/o W. W. Norton & Co.  
70 Fifth Avenue  
New York City  

Dear Mr. Loomis:

Such a book as your RANGING THE MAINE COAST could not fail to interest us immediately; and we have of course placed our order for a copy to be used for lending purposes.

This letter, however, is written regarding the Maine Author Collection, which is comprised of about a thousand volumes, inscribed presentation copies, written by Maine persons or residents, or about the state. These books are not for lending, but are kept on exhibit in the State Librarian's office, together with all biographical, critical and photographic material which we can accumulate about the authors. The present interest of such an array is at once apparent, and the future value to research students may only be estimated.

We feel that such a volume as RANGING THE MAINE COAST should appear in the collection of Maine-iana, and we hope that you will want to inscribe and present a copy of the book for this purpose.

Please accept our best wishes for a successful reception for your book.

Very truly yours,  
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SECRETARY
Miss Hilda McLeod,
Maine State Library,
Augusta, Me.

Dear Miss McLeod:

While in the past I have had to turn thumbs down on requests from libraries for presentation copies, this is decidedly a special case, and I shall take great pleasure in sending you a copy of RANGING THE MAINE COAST for your Author Collection. I feel that I am indebted to the State of Maine for having such a fascinating coast, and that a copy of my book in your collection of Maine-iana will be a reminder of my obligation.

Quite apart from my own efforts in connection with RANGING THE MAINE COAST, I think that Norton the publisher and Wilson the illustrator have done a magnificent job, and I shall be interested in learning your reaction to it.

Faithfully yours,

Alfred F. Loomis,
Associate Editor.
October 13, 1939

Mr. Alfred F. Loomis
Associate Editor
YACHTING
205 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Loomis:

The superstition about Friday, the thirteenth, has been dispelled: the Maine Author Collection copy of RANGING THE MAINE COAST came to us today! Our excitement at receiving and examining the copy which we ordered for lending purposes was equalled only by receiving this complimentary copy for exhibit purposes.

We are, of course, delighted. It is such a beautiful book in format -- a distinction for any drawing room table! -- and added to that is the fact that it is an indispensable volume for anyone interested or experienced in sailing the coast of Maine. I hope those yachting and sailing enthusiasts who don't buy it will be fortunate enough to have kind friends at Christmas.

Please accept our very sincere thanks for your kindness and generosity, and our congratulations upon one of the most interesting and beautiful books that we have seen in many seasons.

Perhaps you will further extend your kindness by sending us a brief biographical sketch at some convenient moment. We enclose a return envelope for your use, and will appreciate having such information for our files.

Very truly yours,

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Dear Miss McLeod:

Thanks for the kind words about my book. I hope every potential book-buyer in the State of Maine will feel the way you do!

As for a biographical note, could I impose on you to the extent of asking you to get the information from your copy of Who's Who? It would save me a bit of work, and the data ascertained will be no less authoritative.

Faithfully yours,

Alfred F. Loomis
October 17, 1939

Mr. Alfred F. Loomis
Associate Editor
YACHTING
205 East 42nd Street
New York City

Dear Mr. Loomis:

It was careless of us not to consult the Who's Who volume before imposing upon your time. Thank you for calling it to our attention. The sketch in that book will serve our purpose admirably.

Again, thank you for your generous addition to our exhibit.

Very truly yours,

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