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MINOT, John Clair

1872 -

November 14, 1934

John Clair Minot, Literary Editor
Boston Herald
Boston, Mass.

Dear Mr. Minot:

We have recently noticed the announcement of two new books, "The best stories of heroism I know," and "Tales of freckle days." We have been delighted to number you among our Maine authors, and we anticipate the arrival of your latest two, for of course we shall want them in our collection.

If you should care to autograph a copy of each and send to us, we would be very grateful.

Very truly yours

MAINE STATE LIBRARY
By

Secretary
November 23, 1934

John Clair Minot, Literary Editor
Boston Herald
Boston, Massachusetts

My dear Minot:

As you know, we are gathering the books of Maine authors. The collection grows from week to week and with the growth, the collection of course becomes more interesting and valuable.

Our Mrs. Fuller, who has had charge of this work the last half dozen years, is ill at the present time, and for this reason I am taking on this special work.

As it happens, the very first item that comes to hand in this connection is the arrival of your two books, The Best Stories of Heroism I Know, and Tales of Freckle Days. These are both intensely interesting books. I think your selection of heroes is excellent.

I confess, however, that my attention turned at once to your own book, Tales of Freckle Days. At once I read all the stories. They are altogether charming and I am sure will appeal to the boy in every one of us. I especially like Twinkle-Snapper. I really expected an awful row when you and that Arlington youngster met, but of course the boy from the suburbs had the prior claim.

Then again I was delighted with The Best Dog I Know. Somewhere in my travels I have certainly met this dog or his brother. I guess the world is full of them.

In any case, thanks for these two books.

At the present time we have Tales of Bowdoin, The Best Animal Stories, Best Stories of Heroism, and Tales of Freckle Days. Will you please autograph and send us all your other books, and this time it would be a favor if you will send us a bill. We do not wish to make this collection of ours a burden or a nuisance to anyone.

We especially want Rhymes of Freckle Days.

Very truly yours

HED/m
State Librarian
Dear Henry:

Smith & Company, Washington Place, are sending you, as requested, these earlier books of mine:

- The Best First Stories I Know
- The Best Money Stories I Know
- The Best Stories of Exploration I Know
- Rhymes of a Redhead Days
- The four or five Bolickin books that I got out early in the century are known all over the print. Of those above, I think, and stories of exploration are really the best. Of the Freddie Days I wish I knew I had included 50 or 60 if the ballads and lyrics I left out.

That collection of books by Many authors is a splendid one finished. That collection of books by many authors is a splendid one finished. That collection of books by many authors is a splendid one finished. That collection of books by many authors is a splendid one finished. That collection of books by many authors is a splendid one finished.

This fall, I am sorry to take advantage of your request, but I have a bill sent for these lot of books except to go out in my way of getting these earlier books except to go out and buy them with anybody else. So you see —

Best of wishes always.

Faithfully yours,

John Clair Minot