

January 25, 1949

Miss Jane Brundred,
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Dear Miss Brundred:

I must reply regretfully to your letter of January 20, and point out that it is quite impossible for me to comply with your request. I consider it very doubtful that anything that I have to say can be made to have any interest to lay people. In my feeling the problem involved is not one that concerns the layman, and I am not prepared to dash off a hurried account of what I shall say, since I shall have to speak carefully in any case so as not to seem stuffy and high-handed in offering my advice. What I shall have to say will be strictly a professional problem, and because it is a serious one, it will be difficult to make clear to the public what I am talking about. I have not had time to prepare a paper, and having just returned to my desk from a week's absence on professional duties, I see no means of prying loose even a half hour at this stage of the game for the preparation of a manuscript and for its popularization. I do not mean to be uncooperative, but I shall be giving all the time I can possible spare in the eventual preparation of this paper, and if it has to be done at the last minute, as it now seems, it will not be done hurriedly or carelessly.

Sincerely yours,

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