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My dear Mr. Bates -

Some time ago  
in response to my request,  
our office-clerk sent me the  
manuscript which accompanies  
this letter - at the same time  
assuring me that this was the  
only article or contribution  
entered in our books under  
the signature either of Mrs Bates  
or her nom de plume Eleanor  
Putnam. Not satisfied with  
this reply - I caused careful  
search to be made again

and again - each time  
with the same result. They  
could find neither any other  
manuscript nor the record of  
any other by that author.  
I am very sorry, but I  
need wait no longer. It  
is evident that the search  
will be fruitless. I have  
endeavored to repair the  
present MS., disfigured as it  
is by the compositor's  
touches, - and must after all  
let it go to you in a soiled  
condition. I am so sorry, but

it cannot be helped. Hoping to see  
you when next I visit Boston, I am  
Yours very truly  
Mary Waples Drake

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