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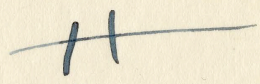
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October  
Twenty-four  
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Dear Claude:

I am sending you a copy of Morris Fishbein's new book which I think you will find amusing. It is a dedication copy from him but as I am wandering constantly I keep as few books as I can, so I present it to you.

Sincerely,



it's called "mantrap"

The Northern serial has been accepted by Collier's Weekly, who will run it in twelve installments beginning March 20th, of next year. In order not to miss any of the installments why don't you subscribe to the magazine for all of 1926? They have paid me \$42,500 - or rather they will pay me that next year. Although this is less than I received from "Arrowsmith" you must remember that the serial is only about one-third as long, so that the rate is immensely higher. As a matter of fact, I actually get more money because one-quarter of the "Arrowsmith" serial money went to Paul DeKruif.

You will recognize some of the characters in the far North - although all of them are changed a good deal - but there is no one in the story in the least like yourself, Bill Taylor, or Dr. McFayden.

If you are writing to Bill Taylor or Mac or Commissioner Graham you might give them this news (except for the price received). Particularly emphasize that there is no one like Bill or Mac in the story, because people have a fool tendency to try to identify themselves with fiction characters who have no relation whatever to themselves.