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Dear Mr. Steinmetz,

I wish to thank you for your letter of June 3rd and the five suggestions for articles which you propose. Those entitled "Science and Religion" and "Electricity and Civilization", would seem editorially the most desirable.

Unless the article on "Lightning" would embody recent discoveries, we are not inclined favorably towards it. We assume that the principal facts concerning lightning are—or should be—familiar to most intelligent people. If, however, there are recent investigations in this field which you propose to describe, our objection would not hold. We must leave this to your judgment.

There have been numerous popular expositions of Einstein's theory of Relativity in various magazines. We had one in Harper's, with diagrams, a year or more ago. But we should be open to an article on this subject if it sufficiently differentiates itself from the popular articles which have thus far appeared.

The article on Socialism we feel would encroach somewhat upon the ground of other articles which we have in contemplation. This we should prefer to omit.

We are indebted to you for outlining these various articles and we trust that you will feel disposed to proceed with the first two mentioned above. You state that the one on "Science and Religion" would run materially beyond five thousand words, but we could probably allow such an article to run to seven or eight thousand words if necessary.

In the meantime, if you have other articles to propose, we should be glad to entertain them. Possibly we could work out a tentative series which we might announce among the features of the Magazine for the coming year. It would not be necessary to have these articles in hand at the time of such an announcement, but we should like to bring them collectively—and thus more impressively—to public notice, in the hope of securing a wider audience for them.

Very truly yours,

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