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Dear Mr. Steinmetz,

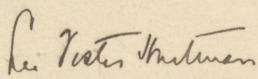
We are more than pleased with the manuscript that you have sent us—particularly with the speculative portions which constitute the latter half. In fact, we think this deserves to stand by itself, altogether independent of the historical outline, etc., which occupies the earlier pages. If we may be quite frank, our editorial judgment is that the first half of the article deals with matters which are too well established and generally accepted to warrant restatement at such great length. Therefore, in view of the fact that the article is much too long for us to handle conveniently (I hasten to confess that you raised this point of length and that we were disposed to make an exception to our practice in the case of this article) I hope very much that you will consent to our abridgment of the article, so that it would begin on pp. 18 with the discussion of "The Relativity ²⁵ and Time and Space." What follows would make an article of ample size, filling fully ten pages of the Magazine. The argument is most impressive and we regard it as the most notable scientific contributions which

we have received in several years. Will you not permit us to ~~publish~~ ^{reprint} it, as indicated above, and in that case will you not supply a new title which will more closely fit the discussion involved?

We are glad to hear that you have undertaken the Lightning article, and we look forward to the receipt of the manuscript at your convenience. You will find in the advertising pages of the November and December issues of Harper's an announcement of your articles included among our plans for the year 1922.

Let me say again that our desire to abridge the article now on hand is not primarily for reasons of space but because we feel very strongly the interest and importance of your argument regarding the "Entity X" in the latter half, and that it should stand alone without the long introduction that now precedes it.

Sincerely yours,


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