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Paul Peirot

Letter from
S. Withington, Feb. 9

I don't know anything about the facts in this matter raised by Mr. Withington in the attached letter. He should know whereof he speaks, and so I would suggest that the item be checked before the new edition comes out. If you want some help on following through of the checking, perhaps Betty McMullen can get the information together for you, unless you have someone else in mind.

cc: N. G.

~~To Mr. Bierly~~
then to R. L. Samuel
for his files

~~Donohy~~ - ~~has~~ showed to
file with other similar
suggestions that you have
I hope that the decision, however,
is to make no change.
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February 12, 1951

Mr. Sidney Withington
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Dear Mr. Withington:

Very many thanks for your note of February 9. It happens that we are now in the process of preparing a new edition of "Mainspring", and so your suggestion of a needed change on page 192 is not only welcome but very timely. I am turning this over to our editor for appropriate action.

Again, many thanks and our best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours,

Ivan R. Bierly

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Mr. Henry G. Weaver
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My dear Mr. Weaver:

I have read with a great deal of interest your compilation entitled "Mainspring", which is exceedingly interesting and contains a great deal of pertinent information.

On page 192 you refer to a "boat propelled by steam" in the year 1707 by Dennis Papin.

This statement is somewhat ^{*Anachronism*} ~~analogous~~ because Newcomen did not develop the steam engine until 1712 and it was many years later before steam power was even remotely adapted to transportation, either on water or land.

I suggest that in any new edition of the work, this data be modified.

Yours very sincerely,

Sidney Withington

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