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**Letter from R. B. LeCocq to W. A. Dyer, October 19, 1933**

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Mr. Walter A. Dyer,
Amherst, Mass.

My Dear Sir:

I have read most of the Adventures of David Grayson, some of them more than once, with great appreciation. A short time ago I received your little story of the author and I greatly enjoyed this. There is a fear, however, that that real David Grayson has not lived up to the philosophy of the David Grayson who buys a farm and interprets farm life so beautifully, and it is fear that keeps poor humans in the old ways and old ruts.

So, I too, am a victim. I have practiced my profession for twenty years with some measure of success. But at times I get so weary of it all, and then the old boyhood scenes and emotions and longings seen and experienced on a large cattle ranch in South Dakota come back to feed the imagination and then I too want to go back to the farm. But "fear" keeps us where we are.

I note that you seem to have had the same longings and that you have achieved your dream. Would you mind telling me whether or not it did the trick,—did it bring real contentment of mind and body? I would not ask you to write to a mere stranger nor annoy you perhaps with such a request, but if you could spare a few moments I would greatly appreciate an answer. It might have an important bearing on my decision. Did you leave your former business completely or did you combine the farm with your usual business theretofore engaged in?

Thanking you so kindly, I am,

Yours very truly,

[Signature]