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Dear Henry.

Before doing anything else today
I want to say a word of praise
and congratulation to you on
your romance of John Bainbridge,
which we finished reading last night.
You have created therein male and
female characters of most interesting
types and carries them through an
evolutionary process, bordering on
the marvelous in some instances,
but with such consummate art
that the impression of their identi-
ty is never lost and that the reader
can continue to live along with
them to the end. I have rarely

not a story with an evident tendency
to give a lesson and to illustrate
a theory where the writer's tendency
is so beautifully veiled by romantic
developments. I do believe that
this book must do a great deal
of good, by its healthy suggestions,
to a growing reading generation
and I hope that it meets with
the richly deserved success in
the book market.

I had ordered the book from
New York last fall before leaving
for the Orient desirous of taking
it with me on the trip - but for some
reason or other it did not arrive
here in time and the pleasure of
reading it had to be delayed until
our return a couple of weeks ago.

I read it at every spare moment
to my wife who ^{is} guide of my opinion
in regard to its artistic ^{value} as well
as to its healthful influence to
be expected from it. —

We followed in your footsteps in
Japan, especially in Tokio where
we used your introductions of
5 years ago to Dr. Tokuma Katayama
and to Shuzio. — We had a
most interesting and enjoyable
time there during our stay of 3 weeks
(4 days in Tokio) and our only regret
was and is that we could not extend
those weeks into months.

Our trip of 9 months was of
uninterrupted success and satis-
faction. I hope to be able to find
you in New York at our next

visit them for a good chat in your
home. Our hearty greetings to
wife and family! affectionately

your old friend

Louis Brand

John Bairbridge ought to be
brought on the stage. Have you
thought of that?

I must subscribe to this
with my own hand & add
that I greatly enjoyed the
subtle psychological working
out of the ideal results

Cordially

Henry Brand