

1004, WEST END TRUST BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA

March 8th, 1916.

Dear Miss Mary Day:-

Pardon a dictated letter. My mail is so large that I have to dictate or not answer at all, which would be ruder still.

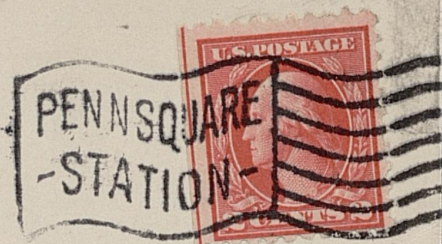
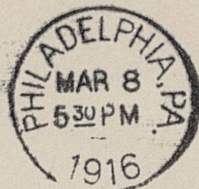
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It is easy to send you a copy of the sonnet you request, in which I make one correction. The sonnet has brought me much blame. This I expected. I think it probably impossible to censure a man who holds the office of President without seeming to censure the office itself, which all Americans hold sacred. It is because I think that he has not been worthy of the sacredness of his office that I wrote the poem.

Yours very truly,

Owen Wister

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