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This is not exact. ____ indicates a word we cannot transcribe or recognize. In our opinion what's written is:

Dear Mr. Chapin,

Glad to hear what you have to say about the preliminaries of the book. And I ____ enjoy seeing all you ____ of it. I think it'll ____ be as you say – attractive.

I've been ____ some at Struthers Burt's – The diary of a Dude Wrangler which is now running in the Saturday Evening Post, and I like it. I think it's mighty interesting for both Westerner and Easterner. Dude raising is new to the west too for I never heard of till a few years ago.

And if you want to use that drawing you mention of the cowboy for that book why its ____ with me – I'm glad it pleases you enough to use it.

Sincerely

Will James –

Franktown Nevada

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