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Dear Mr. Bacheller:

I want to tell you how very much I appreciate your article in the American magazine, "Why I am Not Afraid to Die." It is wonderful and just like you. I wish I could feel just like you do.

As you know, I have been ill for five years, doing nothing, but now I am coming back wonderfully and life has really a thrill for me, because I want to make up for those five years that I was going to hospitals for operations and just existing. I know of your good works wherever you go and am wondering this morning if I cannot get your co-operation, without taxing you at all, in a work that I began six years ago and had to give up. It is this: I want to see a large tract, 100,000 acres at least, of the Everglades of Florida set aside by the State Legislature, to be called a Memorial Sanctuary, whereby our birds from the whole North American Continent will find a winter haven; the animals of the Everglades as well as our native birds and our Seminole Indians all will have a refuge. When this is done, which must be done by the voice of the American people, then we would work to have the Federal government take control. Since I was here five years ago, my old editor friends have been changed, on the papers, and I find I must make new connections. Can you help me to get an entre with some of the New York dailies.

Thanking you for anything you can do, I am

Sincerely yours,