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ing place every day and can catch a different kind of fish. I should be ashamed to tell just how many fish I caught within a single hour; sufficient to say that I caught more fish in the few days I was in the region of Coden than I have ever caught in all of my experience in fishing in all parts of the country combined. I caught so many that even the truth would be taken for the usual fish story.

Coden is a difficult place to get away from; the longer one stays, the more he hears from neighbors about other inviting, and enchanting fishing grounds; the longer one stays, the longer one wants to stay; the more he gets acquainted with the people, the better he likes them and the more enchanting the whole atmosphere becomes. The only kind of embarrassment that one experiences, I say again, is that which grows out of being overshadowed by kindness.

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From William H. Jackson¹

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Dear sir, Perhaps you will remember that just a week ago to-day you was in New Haven and in the vicinity Yale Univ about 3 p.m. talking with ex president Taft and after you had finished talking with Mr. Taft a humble colored man addressed you saying; Mr. Washington please permit me to satisfy my ambition to shake the hand of the man whom he had been reading so much of and trying to follow the examples and teaching of him and remember also how readily you extended your hand and gave him that sincere grip which he will long remember and honor.

Well I am that boy or man I should say. You advised me to write you and you would send me another one of your books the latest written. I am now writing for that book and any other message that you may have which you care to send. I am sure that anything you