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Gentlemen:

Your ad in the *Saturday Review of Literature* says that you specialize in out-of-print books. The phrase 'antiquarian book-sellers' scares me somewhat, as I equate 'antique' with expensive. I am a poor writer with an antiquarian taste in books and all the things I want are impossible to get over here except in very expensive rare editions, or in Barners & Noble's grimy, marked-up school-boy copies.

I enclose a list of my most pressing problems. If you have clean secondhand copies of any of the books on the list, for no more than \$5.00 each, will you consider this a purchase order and send them to me?

Very truly yours,

Helene Hanff
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