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Dear Miss Colie,

Thank you for your encouraging letter. I have still to check the quotation in Kipling and to find the passage I want in Chaucer. There doesn't seem to be a complete edition of Chaucer in all of Bar Harbor. I'm looking for the passage about how he loves to get up early on a morning in May and go out into the fields to see the "foures springer red and white" and how most of all he loves the "dayesie which is to seyne the eye of the dai." I think it is in the Romaunt of the rose. I'll find it as soon as I get back to my own offered edition. I cut out the part you suggested but left in the "materialistic."