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The Saturday Evening Post,
The Curtis Publishing Company,
Independence Square,
Philadelphia, Pa.,

Gentlemen:-

I imagine that you have never received a criticism of a story appearing in the Saturday Evening Post by one who had read no more than two paragraphs of the story criticized.

If I am correct, please read further,- otherwise, throw this in the waste-basket.

I have just started to read "The Trumpeter", by Thomas H. Raddall in your January 17th issue, and the thought immediately popped into my head,- why here is an author who orients the reader in the first two paragraphs instead of waiting until the middle of the story,- or later,- to tell him where the hell he is.

I do not know what the rest of the story is about, but I surely intend to read it and, if my first-hand impression happens to be over-optimistic, I'll tell you about it.

Respectfully yours,

Wayne Stilwell.

January 22, 1942

Dear Mr. Stilwell:

Knowing that your letter will please Mr. Raddall, the author of THE TRUMPETER, we are forwarding it to him. Thank you for the interest that prompted it.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Wayne Stilwell
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