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Dear Haines,

I am sorry that you should have thought it worth while to write to me about my note on capillary forces. You must be well aware that I consider that you have made a series of quite unnecessary blunders in that subject, and you can scarcely expect me to respect the evasion and circumloquation with which you have attempted to answer criticism. If you had had the frankness to avow all your initial mistakes it would have been possible, and perhaps worth while, to continue the subject on a common basis of agreed facts, without continually recurring to aspects of the question which cannot be good for your reputation as a research scientist. As you seem to have chosen, on the contrary, the penny-wise plan of merely trying to ^{evade} ~~evade~~ exposure, I can see no common basis on which we can discuss the matter.

The further ^r arguments in your letter to Keen convince me that your mistakes sprang from a fundamental ignorance of Mechanics, which can only be removed by making a serious study of this subject. I hope you will find this possible. I do not think there is anything in what I have published which will not be easily understood by ^{every} ~~every~~ one familiar with physical theory.

You will perhaps be surprised that I write so bluntly; I do so deliberately so that you wannot possibly mistake my meaning.

Yours faithfully,