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Dear Neil,

Many thanks for your generous response to my question about your experience with the old 3-stick. Your letter is not dated, but you and I both know how long ago that was.

I've just sent off to American Kite instructions for a Jalbert Barn Door with Keel made of paper, string, and sticks. Learned a lot while I was doing it, too. Now I want to do the old standard with the six-point bridle.

I would like to take off from your instructions. I was particularly charmed by them because I thought I invented setting the frame square with the world by lining everything up with the edge of the table. So much for independent invention. Your father did it 65 years ago with the cracks in the floor. So I can give us all credit.

Is this agreeable to you? And do you have anything to say about bridling? I enclose a copy of John Jordan's system which I haven't tried yet. Intend to do that this afternoon. The six-point bridle is daunting and I need to simplify it for today's kids if I can.

I'm also sending a copy of MORE KITES FOR EVERYONE because I can't remember if you have it. Check pages 21-24 when you get around to it. If this is your second copy, donate it to a good cause.

We may not bring back the three-stick but we can always say we tried.