

From THOS. HARDY,
Max Gate,
Dorchester.

13:1:07

My Dear Miss Hunt: I feel almost sure that
I have never said a word about receiving your
kind gift of the Commonplace Woman - or of
reading it. (I am reminded of this by seeing the
^{title} in a summary of the year's work in letters.)
I read it shortly after it came, & I saw that
your aim was to give a slice of real life, so
to speak. But you seemed hampered by something
- was it periodical publication? - & I confess

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That the story did not hold me like the first (much
less probable) one. This, however, is no safe
sign: the best work often requires longer time
for digesting. Many thanks. With affect^l regards

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