

February 20th. 1956

ROSE LAWN,
KINGSGATE-ON-SEA,
BROADSTAIRS,
KENT.

Dear Ben Whiter,

Many thanks for your letter this morning with the enclosed cuttings. It is very kind of you to reply so promptly. I could not help feeling worried by what I read in the Newsletter: for the impression it gave me was that some Film company had pirated "Bunter" and was using the character without my knowledge or permission: and such an offender would have to be brought to book at once, by invoking the law. Now I have seen the cuttings, however, I just don't know what to make of it, for what they say is not definite at all, and may only mean that Mr. Champion, who took the part of Bunter in my TV. plays, is appearing in the film in some other character part, which of course would not concern me. I am getting into touch with Champion, who will no doubt explain just how the matter stands. In the meantime, thanks once more for the cuttings, which I am very glad to have.

About "Lord Billy Bunter", that nobleman will be coming out about Easter. This is the book from which I wrote the TV. play ~~off~~ off the same title, which

appeared on television in the summer, and was lately repeated.

Of course the story had to be considerably potted for a

half-hour play, and is very much more extensive in the book,

where Tom Merry and Co. come into it.

Thanking you once more, and with kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

Frank Richards