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Mrs. A. W. Tourgee
Greensboro

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My dear daughter

I was real glad to get a letter from you if I have been so slow to answer it I got a line from Albion sometime before I got yours in regard to sending him a draft of a Horse Rake and Wood Saw I could make a Horse Rake but I might as well try to draft sunshine as to draft one I could perhaps draft the part for sawing but it is nearly all castings and any one could put the wood to it if they had those the best way would be to send to some shop for the castings and have them fitted and the frame could be put on there, But we may not need any wood by the time Andy gets us reconstructed, The Paper came to hand I expect the paper enterprise will

more or less before I can will get one in the year yours V. Sawyer

not prove very profitable as it is
hard business to start a paper any
place and but few prove paying but
it may be policy after all I think
my Policy is well played out I do
not think there is any necessity for
Compuchment as I think Congress will
Buck & Gay him and leave him
for a Spittoon I think he would
make a good one only he would
be quite likely to leak badly
and some of the stars might get
lost and in that case they might
be compelled to use a few cabinet
Officers to stop said leaks Billy S.
could be made to do good service
in that capacity. But good bye
poor Andy well might you say
save me from my friends

Our winter has been snow snow
but not very cold it is now
nearly gone except the drifts which
bid fair to tarry until midsummer

We had the most terrible
fire I ever knew in a place
like Kingsville you perhaps
know that Parrish had sold his
store to A. B. Guergo and had built
most of it between the old warehouse
and Mrs Macomber N. P. Brown from
Kelleysville had built a splendid
building just north of the old Parrish
store some 45. by 80 ft two fine stores
and the 7. 6. below and a Commercial
College above just getting under
way the building alone cost some six
or seven thousand Dollars and the
fixtures of the C. Hall some \$1500. or
\$2000 there was a Masonic Lodge over
Parrishs old store and a Millinery
store over his new one Parrish
and Browns were both fine buildings
Last night about 1/2 past 2. a
fire broke out in the Commercial
College building and consumed every
thing around to Mrs Macomber

and was only stopped there by
tearing down two small buildings
This fire has consumed 4 stores and
the Masonic Lodge and ^{Common Hall,} one Millinery
The loss falls on R. J. Brown
Clothing Boots and shoes and groceries
Kimmer and Wright Hardware
& Post Office Meyroon & Barrett
Common Hall furniture A. B. & C. Luce
Dry Goods at Parrish Groceries
and Mess Sill Milner there was
a large amount saved from the
first floor of the stores I cannot
fix the loss with any certainty most
of them were insured on their stocks
Brown's loss must be some \$8. or \$10.000
Insured for about \$6500 Barrett perhaps
loses some \$9.000 Insured \$1.000 Kimmer &
W. M. Wright perhaps \$6. or \$800. no insurance
The Luce loses some \$5000 Insured \$4000
Parrish loses some \$3000 Insured \$3000 whether
the Goat was insured or not I did not
learn. The greatest loss aside from
the loss of business falls on the Buildings
as all but 1 or 2 were nearly covered
by their Policy on the loss on stock it will