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The Coming Crusade,

To-day in Account with Yesterday,

"Out of the Strong-Sweetness,"

The Ben Adhemite Era,

Southern Humor.

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JUDGE SUPERIOR COURT NORTH CAROLINA.

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My very dear wife: You may imagine my delight at receiving from you, this morning your three letters of the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> insts. - I was so troubled about you before that I could not work or sleep - I was so afraid you would give way under the terrible stroke of disappointment. It was such a relief to know that you were trying not to give way - Do not be faint hearted darling - I cannot see how, but I am sure all will come right from it yet - Of course, I do not disguise the blow - I can see no redeeming feature in the matter - Look at it in any view, and it is a death blow to all hopes for the future here and to many hopes elsewhere. It may be that by some change of life and circumstances I may retrieve some hope but it is more probable to me that I must now look forward to a steady dull struggle for a livelihood and a competency - These I shall acquire - I have no fear of that. But I think my public life, - my political aspirations are dead - It is sure, that they are so, in this country and perhaps everywhere - This is very bitter but I cannot complain - I shall simply look the future squarely in the face and I shall expect God to open some way which I cannot now see by which I may go up out of this Egypt - Of course, I have wanted your presence very keenly but the fact that you have had so much joy goes very far to sweeten my sorrow - Whether I stay here or go away I shall always be glad that you were happy during these past two months -

I cannot come to Eric now. My digest must be finished before I look at anything else. After that I shall consider of the future - I am working away with Douglas who is a magnificent fellow and a friend who is worth having almost a defeat - almost - to acquire - I think something will develop by Jan 1<sup>st</sup> - At all events, I shall not lose my grip on let myself get demoralized - if I can help it - I shall think of the future just as little as I can in the meantime and only wait and work - The door may open in the meantime - By the way, do you know where my novel of Jacob Chevre is? I cannot find it, high or low. I am going to finish The Fool's Dream - I read it to Steve last night and am more and more pleased with it. I am sure it can feel it in a taking shape - He thinks it splendid - There are some things now brewing which may yet bear a hand - We must not be discouraged at our political reverse. It may be but need come for success - Make yourself as happy as you can. I will work on cheerfully and make your life as pleasant as it is as possible for me to do only do not be cast down -

God bless you

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