

Kingsville Aug 4<sup>th</sup> 1880

Dear Children

I intended to write you sometime since but waited for some news to turn up worth writing but have given it up as I know of no event likely to happen worth writing.

The day you went I and two or three friends went to the depot to see you off.

I intended to go as far as I could and meet the <sup>boat</sup> down train passed through the train and adjourned to the Platform and home, I received the <sup>top</sup> Fool's Errand in due time and when I had read it said distinctly that it would be a Success.

and it has proved true  
here, since I have been unable  
to keep a supply on hand.  
He showed me a letter from  
the Publishers saying they had  
been from 12 to 1500 copies behind  
their orders for some time.

The greatest difficulty with  
me is the wish of half the readers  
to know who such & such  
characters mean. As half of  
them don't seem to realize  
that such works may be  
pure fiction, or a little fact  
enlarged to illustrate an idea.

I tell them if they can find  
a counterpart of any one in  
Murray or Woodbury they can  
apply it as well as I. I. P. Q.

The leading idea is taken from  
real incidents occurring under  
your own knowledge and

and used to illustrate  
southern opinion or reconstru-  
tion in the South

I tell them they may look  
on it as a political Romance  
founded on actual facts  
(and being duplicated in  
Nevine Today) and that  
the Slave holding Element in  
the South and the Democratic  
party at the North is one and  
the same thing now and always

We are having a peculiar winter  
we had a severe snow storm  
about 3 weeks since for one day but  
it was all left in drifts and soon  
fused away <sup>by rain</sup>, we have had a  
few inches since but soon turns to  
rain and it has rained almost

incessantly for 36 hours but  
not enough to make great  
freshets with the "Flood" at about  
60 and is raining still. Mud  
well - no bottom. We had a  
little excitement a short time since  
on our own hook. Mr. Shepheard  
a little south of Mr. Wright's was  
buried by a well caving on  
him about 15 ft deep (the well 34 ft  
deep) he was dug out after 3 hours  
all right but well doubled up.  
Mr. W. Wright told me the other  
day while at Jeff to attend to  
some Cages he sold 6 of the  
Errands in a short time while  
waiting for the cars.

But I think I have about  
exhausted my stock and  
it is doubtful when I shall  
get started again so  
Good Bye Yours V. Bourque