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Judge A. W. Fonger

My Dear Friend. I very much regretted not meeting you when you were in Erie last. I was at that time just finishing your last book "Bricks without Straw," and desired to talk with you about it. I regard it as even better than "A Fool's Errand". Among all of the many writers who have tried to explain the condition of the South and evolve a solution of the difficulties that grow out of Emancipation, you seem to be the only one who seem to comprehend the exact

state of affairs, who realize the obstacle to be overcome, explain the cause of the troubles, and suggest remedies that seem to be fitted to remove the evils.

I am satisfied that the people of the North do not comprehend the difficulties to be overcome, nor do they understand even slightly the feelings, pride, sentiments, prejudices, hatreds or loves of the Southern people; and until they do they will never go to work right to remove the wrongs that exist there - You are doing more than all ^{others} ~~else~~ to educate the two sections as to the thoughts, feelings, notions and controlling sentiments which prevail in the North and in the South - Go on and May God bless you in the work.

Your Sincere Friend
E. P. Sprille