

Marion, Iowa, Feb. 21, 1887.

Hon. A. W. Bourque:

My dear Sir,

I mail you to-day a copy of my "Lessons in English". You will please pardon the infliction. I believe it is Holmes who has, it is said, a circular prepared for such occasions. This circular is full of compliments clothed in general terms and it saves him the trouble of looking at the books.

Now, my friend, if you should not have any such circulars at hand and should look through my little volume at

your leisure, I should be glad to have your estimate of it.

I wish to tell you how much we enjoyed your visit and lecture. Next year we will give you a larger house.

I must tell you of an incident that happened the next morning. One of your audience said <sup>to me</sup> "I notice by the papers that Judge Purgel is the author of 'Bricks without Straw'". I said "yes, sir." He continued: "I thought Brick Tomorrow was the author of that book and that was the way he got his name Brick."

I need not assure you that that man did not up-

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went the average intelligence  
of your audience,

Miss Gist and the little Gists.

Join me in sending  
kindest regards.

Yours very truly,

W. W. Gist

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