

NEW YORK, Apr. 5 1887

Dear Mr. Wages,

So far as F. H. & H.'s rights are concerned under the "Syndicate Contract" (Blain, Miller & Hinckley & H. H.) you are at liberty to do anything you like, of course! We should be glad to see you do a good thing with "Button's Iron" or anything else.

And that reminds me to say: 1. That I put the contract in hand for you, but was ill for days and could not see it though Mr. Bell did, however, so that was all right. 2. That I was particularly pleased with the Index article as Mr. Beecher. I told him so, but I want to thank you for sending it. 3. We are in a quandary about "Black & Co" vs. Mr. Carney's has sent to us about publishing. We want to do it; but you re reading the Syndicate Contract find that we agree to publish the three books mentioned and any they writes by or brought to do by auth.

and to hold the proceeds in
trust to be distributed accord-
ing to that contract!
Now "Black Ice" was "written"
altho' not "drafted" by him,
and the conjunction is not and
but or. So it would seem that
we are shut off from publicly
replying to him except under
that contract!

What does he think
about it, as a lawyer?

Respectfully

Faithfully Yours,

J. H. Howard

for
Mr. Howard & H. H. H.
as to the spec. contract