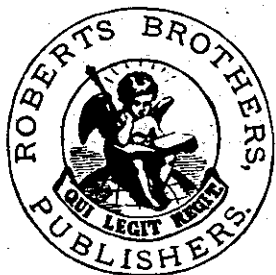


"There must be an international copyright arrangement. England has done her part, and I am confident the time is not far distant when America will do hers. It becomes the character of a great country, *firstly*, because it is justice; *secondly*, because without it you never can have, and keep, a literature of your own." — CHARLES DICKENS (*from a Speech*).



BOSTON, *Apr 25* 1887.

Dear Madam

If we are not delayed in receipt of proof we shall have "Butter's Girl" ready to be published on June 1st.

Our inquiry was mainly out of curiosity but partly it was to find out the customs of publishers as to treatment of authors

Yours truly

Robert M. S.