

Perry this May 5<sup>th</sup> 1887.

Dear Mr. Tourgee

I have been reading  
"A Fool's Errand" "Johns Eas"  
and "Mamelon" and  
I thought they were splendid  
I thought I would write you  
and tell you how much I  
liked all of them. I like  
"A Fool's Errand" better than  
any book I have read in  
a good while of the two  
short stories "Johns Eas" & "Mamelon"  
I think that I liked "Mamelon"  
best, but they are both splendid  
I have not read any of your  
other books yet but I wish  
to, any are going to as soon  
as I can get them  
When did you write "A Fool's Errand"  
Will you please tell me

I would like very much  
to get a letter from you  
and if you will be kind  
enough to write me a letter  
I will thank you very much  
I have not liked any book  
which I have read for a  
long while as I liked  
"A Fool's Errand"

Miss Grace Sackeld of this place  
was at Chautauqua last summer  
and she said that she saw you.  
I would have liked to be in  
her place for I should  
very much like to see the  
author of John Cox. Maudon  
"A Fool's Errand" Etc Etc.

I am thirteen years of age  
and I will be very much  
pleased if you will write me  
a letter - Very truly yours

Bayard Wyman  
Perry, Ohio age 13