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Dear Mrs. Tomgee:

Do excuse my delay
in answering your note of the
16th. This Commodore Herald
and the new crop of boodle
Aldermen have quite absorbed
me, from 11 a.m. to 24 a.m.,
and my zeal, as you may
know, ^{every} if misdirected is intense.

I do not remember
that any of the drawings
Miss Barber finished for the
Chautauqua article were
unused. Have you written
to ask her if she has any
sketch of the subject you
want?

Many thanks for you

thinking of my birthday. I tried
to forget it! If the Judge did
not want me when I had
passed thirty unmarried,
what would he say when
I near forty with no one to
love?

You will be glad to learn
that if I am working very
hard I am making a
very good pot of money. The
Herald is liberal and I am
one of the favored ones. I
always did expect to like
an aristocracy, if I was
in it!

Have you seen the
American Magazine? I have
been thinking of asking the Judge
to tell them to give me half the
money and let me double the
attractiveness of their illustrations.
With much love. Truly,
H. W. B. Howard