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Dictated

NEW YORK, Sept. 1, 1887.

Mr. T. C. D. and I have been engaged in a series of
negotiations with the publishers of "Black Ice" to get
them to withdraw their book from circulation.

We have been unable to do so, however, because they have refused to do so.

Henry has been writing to me about this, and I have written to him, and
Mrs. A. W. Tourgee.

My dear Mrs. Tourgee:

Your letter asking about

"Black Ice" came duly last week and was forwarded to me
in Connecticut. I sent it immediately to New York to
Henry, that he might attend to the books and portrait-plate
I did not answer directly because I was practically in ignorance of the facts about "Black Ice."

We had been expecting all sum-

mer ~~of~~ seeing the appearance of "Button's Inn," but seeing
that it did not appear we concluded it as was the fact
that Roberts Brothers had put it over until the fall; therefore,
we did not put "Black Ice" in hand until about
two weeks ago. just before I left for a brief vacation.

I expected to get some proof of it while I was away, but it did not come; and I inquired
of the printers about it, and learned that it had been de-

layed by a fire. A small batch of it came in, however,
yesterday afternoon—pages 3 to 18—and I have mailed it
to you together with some return-wrappers. As fast as
they come in, I will send them along. Please have them
returned always as soon as possible.

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Our traveler, who has just returned from a trip
through the West, found that everything was very slow, and
the Judge's books were no exception to the rule. I think
he is doing well to start again into book-making—it is
high time. In fact, if he had never stepped out of it, he
would have had more money in his purse and less "exper-
ience." I hope the racket that Roberts will make over
"Button's Inn" and the good success of the book itself,
will wake the public up once more to the interest and
value of his writings.

My hearty regards to him, please.

Yours very sincerely

To young ones &c &c

J. R. Howard

Postscript I am also sending you a copy of the
new and last number of the Judge's Magazine so as to