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Hon. Albion Tourgée -

My dear Sir:-

The Swiss Cross is the organ of the Agassiz Association. It seeks to interest young men and women in the natural and scientific, rather than in the unnatural, and the useless. If we shall succeed in establishing a periodical that shall

be free from nonsense,  
falsehood, and excitement,  
we shall feel that a  
good thing has been  
done. We are now  
closing our first year,  
and desire to enlist  
the interest and coop-  
eration of some of  
the writers whose work  
will be sure to com-  
mand attention and  
awaken interest.

If you could find time  
amid the pressure  
of your engagements  
to weave into a story  
some interesting facts  
of nature or science,  
in a rather more  
dignified manner than  
'Mayne Reid' used to  
do - and with closer  
adherence to truth  
than Charlevis  
Jules Verne, I should

think it would be  
very attractive to our  
readers, and useful  
also. If a series  
of articles such as  
could afterward be  
put into a book, was  
contemplated, how much  
should you have to  
charge us for the Ms.?

Paris Family Robinson  
is my ideal, in general.

Perhaps a Northern family  
'might "go South" to settle. etc."

Truly yours, H. H. Ballou