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Chicago, Sept. 8 1887

My Dear Judge:

You and Mrs. Toulce have my sincere thanks for the very pleasant way in which you remembered me in connection with "Buttons Sm." Myself and family prize highly the copy of the book with photograph and autograph attachment and I certainly will remember with pleasure the incidents of my early acquaintance with the story and its maker.

I have been re-reading the story and had planned an editorial based on the Americanism of the paragraphs devoted to that element in character described as independence. A good deal can be said on that point and I do not remember that any other writer of fiction has spoken of the trait in a

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way to have the present generation
 understand and appreciate it. I
 like your article in the book very
 much indeed, although I think
 you do justice neither to the
 author nor his work. At first
 I thought of injecting this idea
 of mine into what you have
 written, but I now think it will
 be better for me to read the
 story through and then carry
 out my original plan. I
 have published a notice of the book
 last Saturday and will publish
 your matter as editorials next
 Saturday. I think it would be
 a good plan to publish short
 extracts from the new chapters
 including the will, to whet
 the appetite of readers and
 excite the curiosity of those

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Who as a rule do not read stories.

Mr Mason has been away for two or three weeks but will be at home on Saturday and I will leave the arrangements of the announcement and advertisement to him. I have been so busy on account of his absence, that I have not had time to lay plans for booming the book, but I think I will boom it self.

Mrs Busbey and the children ask to be remembered to yourself and Mrs Foyce, and they join me in the hope that we may see you in Chicago this season.

Very Truly
M. W. Busbey