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Editor St. Nicholas.

Dear Madam:

I am going to write for next year, to begin about May or June, a narrative Serial which would run about ten months in your Magazine, to be entitled,

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By A. W. Tourgee, LL. D.

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You are already aware that I cannot describe a story and rarely write one until I know just where it is going and in what form it is to be published. This series was suggested by my course of popular lectures on Law at Chautauqua, this summer and by the popularity of my course on Legal Ethics at the Buffalo Law School. *This series is* ~~intend-~~ ed to sustain about the same relation to Law that other similar narratives bear to Natural Science--not quite as incredible as Jules Verne, but having a warp of a much greater more important nature running through and coloring it.

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I am now making my arrangements for next year's work and would like to place this with you if you think it desirable.

Yours truly,

A. W. Tourgee