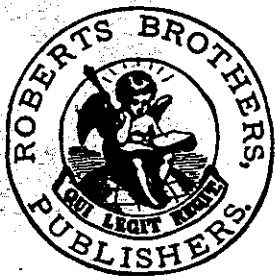


"There must be an international copyright arrangement. England has done her part, and I am confident the time is not far distant when America will do hers. It becomes the character of a great country, *firstly*, because it is justice; *secondly*, because without it you never can have, and keep, a literature of your own." — CHARLES DICKENS (*from a Speech*).



Boston, Sept 27 1887.

Mr. E. K. Torgue

Dear Mr. Torgue

We enclose a "notice" which has been served upon us today by Chas. N. Blair.

We have no recollection of the serving of the notice of contract Sept 28/85. If we had had we doubt if we should have agreed to publish "Ruthless Run" simply from a distaste to be mixed up in legal complications of any kind.

Yours truly

Roberts Bros.