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My dear Miss Tompce

Your note is at hand, and your suggestion of omitting the lilies altogether, comments itself. It has been acted on. I have had the designs undertaken to supply a small matrefoil ornament to put in the center. The back will be as it was, minus the lilies, and in alternating ink & gold & white will make a pretty effect. Thanks, for your promptitude and your good ideas. In spite of the "illustrative" character of the Gothic web design, I am not at

all I see that some modification of that would not have been at all simpler and more unique than this "decorative" arrangement; but it is too late to "swap horses" again, as the book is printed and the binding die should be cutting!

Your mother did me the honor and the pleasure to send me a photographic "presentation" of you, not long since, which helps me to realize something of the invisible "she" to whom I write! Some day I am going to ask you to give it a larger value by your sign manual thereon.

Sincerely,
Cory

R Howard

When the book is ready I shall send you an early copy.