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My dear Mrs. Tourgee:-

I have just time to dictate a line to you, and return the check you sent. I return the check, because it is better that you should use it for the present than I. Possibly, it really belongs to Matthews, but, as it is a case where it is not easy to say what the relative rights are ethically, I prefer to take this course. I have no doubt at all that you and the Judge will pay everything you ever ~~owed~~ ought to pay, whenever you can afford to. Still, we owe a higher duty to ourselves and our families, than even our creditors; consequently, I beg that you and the Judge will bear this in mind, and act accordingly.

I was out of the city, as I understand, when you and the Judge were here, hence you did not see or hear from me. Mrs. Moot did not know you were here. I did not know you were here until you had come and gone. I am glad you made new friends and had a good time.

The Argonaut was mailed to you at Mayville. If you have not received it, then it must have miscarried. The substance of the paragraph was, that they regretted that they had been misinformed. That you had never been in durance vile, and that the legal proceedings showed that you were quite justified in not answering the questions desired.

With best wishes,

Hastily, but sincerely your friend,

Albert Moot