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Dear Friends,

A word seems due as to the book's delay. There was a small waiting for copy on time while you were off somewhere; but the real delay came from the printers, who, being a large company, setting type by machinery, making large profits—especially as to speed—we tried for the first time, an "Eastman". They were exceedingly venacious, and especially as to finishing up plates for printing after all was set & cast.

We do not however feel so badly about the delay, since it always takes some weeks to get a book under way— not to mention, address.

tested, brought to the public
notice — after it is techni-
cally "published". It would
not have been very much
better in November than in
December, for the bookeller
set loaded up with holiday
stuff before that, and Sep-
tember or at latest October
is the time to publish for
Fall trade.

As it is, we shall
be ready and in good trim
for the Spring trade; and
if the book has any "take
hold" in it — as I believe
it has — January will be
far better for it than Novem-
ber would have been; while
December would pretty nearly
have insured its failure.
Therefore, don't worry about
January: that means a good start
for Feb & March. R.A.