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Judge O. W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.
My dear Sir:-

About seventy five of the young men here in Chicago have organized a society to be run on the plan of the National Congress. The number will probably increase in a short time to 150 or 200. I purposely arranged to represent a Southern district of Republican stripe. My district is the Second N. Carolina. I chose this, that I might, as a Southern Republican, introduce an Election Bill and speak upon it as a Southerner. I do not want to be unfair to my associates by borrowing ideas but I have seen indications that others who intend to introduce bills on the coinage of silver and other similar subjects, are planning to get assistance from older heads. So I am unable to discover wherein I am violating any rule by asking aid from ^{you} I think you drafted a Bill last Winter. Can you send me a copy of

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the draft or the leading points?
Such information + pointers as you
can give me will be gratefully re-
ceived. As you once lived in Carolina
you can undoubtedly tell me much
about my district. The Bill that
I introduce, I want to be practicable +
suitable for the demands. If our Congress
is a success (as we believe it will be)
I shall devote my energies to the Election
Bill + any measures looking to a solu-
tion of the Burea problem. I notice
that you are to lecture in Chicago
on Oct. 10. If possible I should be glad
to shake hands with you.
Hoping my request will not be too
great a tax on your time, I re-
main,

Very Respy

Wm A. Richards,
15 S. Sheldon St,