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My Dear Madam:--

An absence from my desk has prevented an earlier reply to your two letters.

I should, of course, like it very much indeed if a series of papers by Judge

Tourgee could be published in *The Ladies' Home Journal*, but I really could say nothing definite about those you suggest until an opportunity was given me of reading the manuscripts.

Experience has taught me that it is exceedingly unwise to commit oneself to an undertaking without a reading of the material suggested, and I have made it a rule that I will not contract the matter unless I can do so upon some definite basis.

If Judge Tourgee would write for *The Journal* an article of fifteen hundred words

under the title of "Should Women Read Novels?"  
or "The Woman Who Reads Novels," pointing out  
in a general way the class of fiction which a  
woman can safely read, how novels should be  
read &c., I should like to see it, but, of  
course, it must be upon the condition that it  
is suitable to The Journal's wants. Believe  
me,

Very Sincerely Yours,

Edward W. Bok

Mrs. A. W. Tourgee.