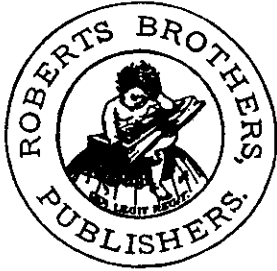


"There must be an international copyright arrangement. England has done her part, and I am confident the time is not far distant when America will do hers. It becomes the character of a great country, *firstly*, because it is justice; *secondly*, because without it you never can have, and keep, a literature of your own."—CHARLES DICKENS (*from a Speech*).



BOSTON, Feb 25 1891.

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Mrs Emma K. Tongee

Dear Madam

We have your favor of the 24th—

It would seem that you do not consider the right to publish a work by the author of "The Fool's Errand" of any more value than ~~the~~ type metal. We must confess our surprise while declining to accept your offer

Yours very truly
Roberts Bros.