

Messrs Roberts Brothers:

Gentlemen:

It would evidently be ~~sure~~ very "bad business" for me to ~~take~~ think of ~~purchase~~ purchasing the plates and stock of Button's Lane upon the terms and it is very difficult for me to ~~device~~ state a counter-proposition. If you will put yourself in my place you will soon see the difficulty. In a short time, as you will see by our contract, I shall have the right to purchase these things at an appraised value — that is the estimate ^{by} referees of their market value.

As the plates do not ^{go} ~~carry~~ with them the right to use, to any one but myself, of course, their market value is merely what they will bring at the foundry's. As near as I can estimate, the plates of "Button's Lane" would probably weigh about 300 pounds, certainly I should think, less than 400 lbs. My recollection is that 3 cts a pound is about the usual price for such metal. Of course,

~~The census~~

~~The entire number of~~

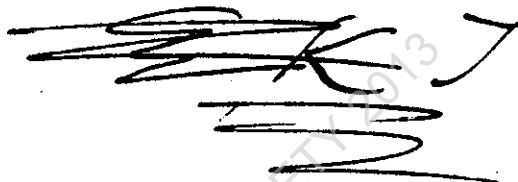
The almost infinite variety of comparisons instituted in regard to race, color, sex, nativity, citizenship, pauperism, crime, insanity, employment, production, and public taxation and indebtedness, while ~~also~~ perhaps not hindering to the ~~general student~~, to the ~~user~~, to the trained student of statistics are a never ending source of pleasure. While the whole series of these reports is the foundation of each national pride, ~~as their~~ average American loves to cherish, it is in the tenth that the pride and color of

I may be wrong in either of these estimates but ~~that~~ they are my conclusions from the knowledge I had of such things while my husband was publishing the Continental. Prices may have changed and I think plates we made a little lighter than them. I should say that 5 cts a pound would be all that any impartial arbiters would appraise the plates separated as they are from the right to print from them.

As to the copies of the book on hand, I suppose the bound copies cost not more than 20 cts; the paper copies not more than 12 cts and the sheets not more than 8 cts. The bound copies would be nearly a dead loss to me — the others I suppose I could use. In order to do any thing at all with the book, I should have to destroy the bound copies and issue an entirely new edition.

Under the circumstances, I do not see
how I could offer more than \$100 for the
plates and old stock packed ready for shipment.

Yours respectfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to be 'S. K. J.', with several horizontal lines drawn through it.

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They made the same mistake that you did; ~~but~~ they thought it was fought for the possession of the ~~the~~ top Mountain, and ~~both armies~~. Like you they all believed it impregnable to assault. ~~as~~ as indeed it is. So when the next morning the stars and stripes were seen flying from the crest the army in the valley was ~~not~~ exulted to a pitch of self-confident enthusiasm rarely equalled. It was to them an object-lesson in achievement which stung every man's nerves for the moral-
and fear they ^{themselves as ever} ~~could~~ accomplish and correspondingly depressed and terrified their opponents."

"I do not exactly understand you" said one of the colleagues.

It was just this. Everyone knew it was not a very serious battle he had witnessed.

~~then~~ I answered only with a smile.

"Then why is he not generally so regarded — so spoken of?" asked the young journalist.

"There are two reasons — perhaps three. In the first place, he was not given to self-laudation. It would, perhaps, have been better if he had been. He was not given to imperatulatory dispatches or laudatory bulletins. It was enough for him to have performed his duty and he did not think that those under his command, differed from him in this respect. While he shared the dangers and the hardships of his soldiers he was little given to flattering their courage, prowess and endurance. So while he inspired confidence he did not create so much personal enthusiasm as many