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(Dictated by R. E. B.)

Hon. Albion W. Tourgée,

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

We do not deem it necessary or wise to enter into a discussion as to whether or not fiction is demoralizing, or that mere amusement is its only purpose. ^{the fact that} Realistic fiction is to-day selling better than all other fiction combined is enough for the people, and they don't want to be told anything to the contrary. We think such a series of articles as you suggest would be thoroughly appreciated by a coterie of your own literary friends, because they would be able to comprehend your treatment of the subject; but we do not think such a series would have any great interest for the general public.

Yours very truly,

Robert B. Bruce, Esq.