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(Dictated by R. E. B.)

Hon. Albion W. Tourgée,

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Your favor of May 25th just received. Mr. Davis, the artist who drew the picture of the trotting race, asked me whether it was a trotting or running race. I told him from my own reading of the MS I was unable to ~~determine~~ ^{determine} but that I had asked Judge Tourgée at the Everett House, and he told me that it was a trotting race, ~~and~~ ^{and} the language used was of the character it was because of the intermediate stage of horsemen going from running to trotting, that trotting was only then being inaugurated. However, as the artist has his name on the illustration, we think he is sufficiently responsible for it without any further explanation in the paper. If you will kindly forward to us any letters which you may have received in regard to the matter, we will take it upon ourselves to answer them satisfactorily, and assure ^{the writer} ~~them~~ that you are not responsible for the illustrations of the story.

Yours very truly,

Robert Edwin Bonner.