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Dear Sir:

In collaboration with Mr. Hubert Howe Bancroft, the historian of the Pacific States, I am engaged upon in preparing a work to be entitled  
"The Columbian Epoch"  
on  
"The Contemporaries of Columbus."

The exact name has not yet been fully determined.

The purpose is not a history of Columbus, nor of American discovery, but a picture of the life of his epoch, and tell who were his contemporaries and the condition of society in every country of Europe, & during his life, and of the trans plantation of European institutions and civilization to the New World. It will treat of Government, Individual Liberty, Social and Economic Conditions, Educational facilities, legal methods and institutions, &c. in a May-

ufactures, the arts, — in short will such give an accurate picture of the life of that time not alone of kings and nobles, but of the masses.

We shall do this by means of a series of monographs upon various subjects, each of which will be independently interesting and will <sup>almost</sup> be independent of all the others though of course, sustaining an implied relation to all of them. That is, the person who reads one will not feel that anything is lacking: while he who reads all will feel that each one adds to his enjoyment of the others.

There will be about 30 of these monographs of from 2600 to 3000 words each.

I suppose I need not say either for Mr. Bancroft or myself, that the work will be thoroughly well done.

The first will be ready for publication the first week of January 1892, and the others to follow weekly.

Would you like to handle this and on what terms: —

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turn is readily and instantaneously disengagable without the use of any tool or mechanical application. By means of this invention also the use of unnecessary material and waste is avoided and the strength of the harness greatly improved while the same is materially lightened in weight and enhanced in appearance. It consists of a combined collar and harness formed of metallic layers arranged either parallel or in part separate from each other, having certain attachments for the connection and support of the other portion of the harness and the traction force, the said collar being so formed as to follow the convolutions of the shoulder, its front or inner surface encircling the neck of the horse at about the precise point where the ordinary collar impinges against the shoulder of the same. The said device being adapted to perform the combined offices of the collar and harness in the ordinary harness.

(Insert specific and detailed description of ~~name~~-collar. If it is deemed necessary or desirable by you to make a separate application in the case of the collar, I suppose it will be only necessary here to refer to that as the collar mentioned in a certain application, or perhaps more fully than I have done above, with the addition of this reference.)

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To this ~~name~~-collar are affixed certain devices by which

The tuys or traces are attached and traction power applied.  
The said tuys or traces to be composed either of flat or rolled leather or of woven or braided metallic wire forming a flexible core to be covered with leather, cloth or other appropriate material or used without such covering or decoration and secured by appropriate devices to the other portions of the harness and the muffle-tree, the said being transported throughout its entire length. The said name-collar is or may be likewise attached to other portions of the harness by a back-strap extending from the top of the collar to which it is attached by a buckle or clasp of the character set forth in an application for patent by the same parties dated January 22nd, 1865, or other appropriate device, and extending along the back of the animal passing through or beneath the turrent or saddle to which it is also attached by a clasp or the character above referred to or other suitable device in order to keep both pad and name-collar in proper position and relation to each other at all times and under all circumstances. After passing through the said turrent or saddle the said back-strap extends along the back of the draught-animal to the crupper to which it is also attached by a clasp or buckle of the character above referred to or other sufficient and appropriate device. The said back-strap being throughout its whole length imperforate and requiring no stitching, crimping or bending in order to secure it in place or enable it to perform the