

Washington DC

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Mrs. A. W. Fougée,

Mayville, West York.

My dear Mrs. Fougée

I had your note in  
yesterday's the Commonwealth  
Census this morning. I am very  
much obliged by your reference  
of me in connection with Mrs.  
Fougée's "Illustrations"; and the  
Judge's Christian Evidence to  
return to his wife words in  
appreciation for the thousand deeds

of grace, beauty, kindness & qualities more  
substantial which she has showed upon him, to  
these many years! Husbands generally make this  
comparative rally; but the Judge seems to have an  
apprehension of the Etalute of France, and so he  
set down his quid pro quo "in writing". Watch him!  
My dear Madam; - when a lawyer is so deliberate  
he means more than appears upon the surface.

The Magazine came to my office and so I  
have a yet had no opportunity of doing more than  
cutting the leaves and looking over the "illustrations".  
I will take the matter up more seriously when I go  
home - whether I sent the Magazine at once. I will  
read the article in the lines, & between the lines, and  
if I can form an idea of the specific mischief which  
the Judge meditates upwards; & of which at present  
I have only the most general suspicion - I will take  
the liberty of addressing you directly.

The illustrations impressed an unactive eye &  
very well & well drawn, & of good promise: sketches

which the full orb'd artist of a decade of years to come, may  
look back upon with gratification; & tender interest in the young  
girls who thus associated her earliest flights with passages in  
the lives & love of her parents. There is nothing for the young,  
an aspiring & gifted young, - which is more full of promise  
to themselves, when older, than the laying in a stock of verse  
early, which - "olim meminisse juvabit". I have no doubt  
that my friend your daughter has begun this for herself, in  
the Compendium which you send me.

With my regards to her; - a Wm Duke Taylor,

Ever, very sincerely yours  
J. H. Stirling