

FRANKLIN FYLES, 1285 BROADWAY, NEW YORK.

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Mr. Albion W. Tourgee --

Dear Sir: As American agent of the Authors' Incorporated Society, of London, of which Tennyson is President and Walter Besant is Secretary, I get an option on the best English fiction to sell to American newspapers on the "syndicate" plan. That is to say, we place the matter for simultaneous publication in as many journals as will buy it. I have a similar arrangement with the French Copyright Society. I have issued regularly for three years a weekly series of completed novelettes, each six thousand words in length. They appear on Sundays in the New York World and elsewhere. The contributors for December were Bret Harte, Grant Allen, Frank R. Stockton and Octave Thanet. Those for November were E. E. Hale, Jules Verne, Edwin Arnold, Walter Besant and Edgar Fawcett.

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*Franklin Fyles.*

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