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REPLYING PLEASE QUOTE

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THIS NUMBER.

New York, Jan. 15, 1892.

Albion W. Tourgée, Esq.,  
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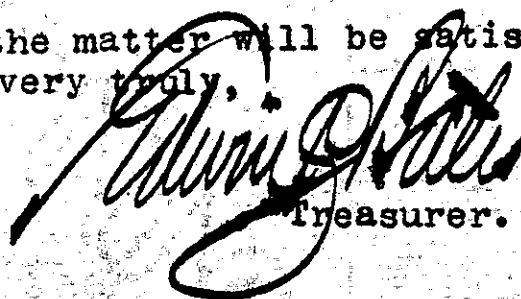
Dear Sir:---

Your favor of the 13th inst., with relation to a Numbering Machine ordered by Mr. Dean, is received and noted.

You evidently entirely misunderstand the matter, as we are not holding the machine back, nor do we have any intention of refusing to fill your order.

These Hand Numbering Machines which are improved and entirely new devices have not as yet been placed upon the market, although, we have to some extent advertised them in advance in connection with other machines which we make, and which are upon the market. We have met with some delays in connection with the construction of our tools for making these new machines, and it is on account of this, that we have thus far been unable to make any deliveries. We expect however, to receive the first lot next week, and your order will receive the earliest possible attention, and unless otherwise directed, the machine will be shipped to Mr. Dean, in accordance with the original order.

Hoping that this explanation of the matter will be satisfactory to you, we are,  
Yours very truly,

  
Treasurer.