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Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, New York.

Dear Sir, -

We have your favor of Feb. 23rd relative to charge for author's corrections - if there has been an overcharge in this matter, we shall be very glad to see that it is corrected. At the time the bill was rendered to us for this matter, it impressed us as being rather large and we at once wrote you about it, and I think we received word from Mrs. Tourgee that she didn't wish to bother you with it at that time because you were not very well. I am writing from recollection, because I am still in the house from a three weeks illness and haven't the letter book or files at hand.

The electrotypers, Philips & Casey, assured me when I contested this charge with them, that it was all right and was made up by a careful reckoning of the time actually spent in making corrections which you yourself had made in the nature of author's corrections, namely, changes from the original copy as furnished you on the proof which they submitted. So far as the matters that you speak of relative to illustrations are concerned, there are none of them included in the item of author's corrections sent you.

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The charge for these was all eliminated from the items charged to you, because as you justly say, they were not matters for which you were in any sense responsible.

I think you have all the different proofs that were submitted of the "Outing with the Queen of Hearts" by the electrotypers - if so, I wish you would go over them yourself and then let us have them that we may compel the printers to refund if there has been any overcharge. The item charged to you has been actually paid in cash to the electrotypers in addition to the cost of the plates and in addition to the illustrations made necessary by conforming the page to the illustrations.

At the time the bill for the charge was received and when I wrote you about it, it was impossible to get a full set of proofs, because Philips & Casey claim that you didn't return them to them, and therefore you must have them on hand and can furnish the data for determining the correctness of this charge.

Yours very truly,

MERRILL & BAKER,

By L. K. M.