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Wm C Garrison

Gentlemen: I have yours of yesterday.
The five percent rule means of course, that the author
pays for changes made by him in the copy, ~~for~~
~~over~~ over five percent of the cost of setting up, unless
these changes are made necessary by the
blunders or misapprehension of the printer, as when
he fails to fill mortar in an initial or ~~leaves~~
out a portrait or detaches it from
copy and then gets it in the wrong
place. There are not changes but recti-

fications. I want to say to you that instead of
quibbling over a few changes in the proof you
had better get on with this work. You have been
now nearly a week fussing over who should
pay for your own blunders. You detached the
portraits ^{from the copy} and got them mixed up: you want-
ed Perkins and so destroyed the sequence. Get
you want day after day, with copy in your
hands to see if you cannot drive me to ex-
pense in your claim. In the same way, you
waited six months with copy in your hands
to save buying a few pounds of type. Now
it is August 20: you are under contract to
get it out by October 8 and you have
only 50 pages left!

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I have waited and remonstrated until I have not only lost hope but lost confidence in your purpose to comply with a contract which you have wilfully broken against my ^{repeated} protests ~~and long and needlessly~~. Of course, it will be a great loss to me but unless you go on with some show of energy, I shall take the work elsewhere immediately and leave you to get compensation for your work by legal remedy, if the law will give it. I am going to have the book out by Oct. & whether you do it or not. It may cost

me \$1,000. more but I had rather pay it
than submit to what I deem extortionate
demands from those whose neglect
has brought me to these straits.

If you lose upon it, it will be only
through your own delay, neglect and breach
of contract.

Respectfully,

William W. Soungie