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Miss Aimee Tourgee,

Mayville, N.Y.,

Dear Miss Tourgee:-

We are in receipt of your favor of the 24th inst.

Of course we realize the value of the MS you offer us. Your father has never done anything that was not well done.

There are two things, however, in the way of our making you a respectable offer. In the first place we have all the books that can well come into our plan for this year. More important than that is the fact that our relations to the book trade are not such as to warrant us in expecting any co-operation in giving any book extensive circulation.

We have no traveling men, not having found it profitable to keep any on the road, and our sales are confined chiefly to our own denomination. This fact of course, makes it impractical for us to pay large prices for MSS, so that we are almost sure that we could not meet your expectations. If you choose, after a time, to submit to us a figure, it will have careful consideration.

With kindest regards, we remain,

Yours sincerely,

Cranston & Curts