

2015 Kalorama Avenue,

Washington, D. C. March 20, 1906.

Mr John Brisben Walker,

500 Fifth Avenue,

New York City.

My dear Mr Walker:

I am just now in receipt of your favor of the 18th inst.

When my husband's publishers gave up business some years ago, I acquired from them all rights, titles and interest in all Judge Tourgee's books and own the plates.

The only wish as to my future my husband expressed when he knew he must leave me, was that I should never part with my title to these books and I could not, therefore, dispose of them outright to any one. A Quaker firm in England, Messrs Headley Brothers, 14 Bishopsgate Street Without, London, E. C., are desirous of putting out an English edition of all these books dealing with the Race Question, viz: "A Fool's Errand", "Bricks Without Straw", "Pactolus Prime" and "A Royal Gentleman", and wished to buy the plates, copyrights, etc, to which I could not consent, and am now contemplating supplying them with printed sheets, and giving them the exclusive right to publish these books in England. There is also great pressure being brought for me to get out a new American edition in view of the fact of Thomas Dixons' trashing book and dramas being now so prominently brought before the public.

We did not return to our native land until late in November last, and being greatly fatigued by the long illness of my husband and many other matters pressing for attention I have delayed thought of this until I should get my grip again, and for the last week it has been much on my mind. Your letter seems opportune. I think there is much to be made out of a new edition, well advertised and pressed at the present time.

You may not be interested in the above. But should you be, I hope I may hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

Please address

Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,

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Washington, D. C.