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Office of the MANAGING EDITOR.

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Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,
Mayville, Chautauqua County, N.Y.

Dear Madam: Your letter of June 14, to the Editor of The World, inquiring about the Bordeaux photographs and manuscript, has finally in its travels about the office reached me, the only one connected with the paper who could possibly know anything about it, for investigation. As secretary for Mr. Bradford Merrill until a few months ago Editorial Manager, I have had this material in my possession for I wouldn't undertake to say how long, probably since shortly after it reached us, awaiting some instructions for its disposal. It was never used in the World, although the enclosed letter shows it was ordered by someone here.

The endorsements on the wrapper show that it was first sent to "Mr. Lyman or Mr. Hersh." Then it was sent to the Sunday department, and endorsed "not for Sunday". The remaining blue-pencil marking shows that it was sent to "Mr. Van", (W.W. Van Benthuisen), who was at that time Editorial Manager. It evidently never got to the one who had ordered it, and finally came into my possession. Mr. Hersh and Mr. Van Benthuisen are no longer living, and others who were here at the time are here no longer.

When Mr. Merrill left the paper a few months ago I stored the package with some other matters in a place partly used for that purpose, consequently I knew just where to look for it, and I am glad to be able to restore it to you. I could understand its historical value, and always kept it in mind.

I will mail the package to you today or tomorrow.

Very truly yours,

W. W. Inyon