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Messrs Matthews & Northrup,  
Buffalo, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

I have yours of yesterday in re the new edition of  
"Button's Inn".

Before giving you a definite answer I wish to lay your prop-  
osition before Mr Geo. S. Hulbert, Bible House, New York, who is a warm  
personal friend, and also was one of the firm of Fords, Howard & Hulbert  
Judge Tourgee's former publishers, who retired from the publishing  
business some ten years ago, with the exception of Mr Hulbert, ~~who is~~  
who is of an Educational Text Book Publishing firm now. He is my ad-  
viser in all such matters. He suggested also the name of a New York  
publishing house to whom the proposition should be submitted. This  
was done, but there has not yet been time to hear from them.

It is my desire to get out a full new edition of all of Judge  
Tourgee's novels, with a uniform binding. These books are almost all  
now out of print, and the demand for them, especially for libraries  
desiring full sets, is growing rapidly. I own all the plates which  
are stored in New York, subject to my order. Would the binding you  
suggest for "Button's Inn", be the best for the whole edition? You  
say in your letter "gold and blank", which I take to mean "gold and  
black," evidently a mistake of the typewriter. I do not recall whether  
I mentioned that we were thinking of a half-tone plate of the old  
Inn as a frontispiece--the plate of which would be furnished. Would  
this add to the cost?

Very truly yours,

E. K. B.