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My dear Mr Moot:

I am very sorry indeed to write you that I think I must ask you for that loan, about which we ~~kakk~~ had some correspondence last summer. It is not, however, for the purpose then in mind,--that was given up as not deemed advisable. It is this:

You know the Judge's book, "Button's Inn." It has been out of print for 10 years or more. Since the trolley line to Westfield, which goes by the site of the old Inn,--there has been a great demand for the book and we have been constantly beseiged since our return from abroad to get out a new edition, and some two months ago we decided to do so.

When the publishers of the book, Roberts Bros of Boston, went out of business in 1899,--we were then in Bordeaux--Judge Tourgee directed his other publishers, F.H.& H. of New York, to buy these plates for me,--as I owned the copyright. We supposed this had been done and that these plates were on storage with those of the other books, in New York. It was only some six weeks ago that we found our instructions from Bordeaux had not been carried out, and that no one knew what had become of these plates. After much inquiry, carried on exclusively by myself, I located them and bought them. I had to pay more than I wanted to,--but I think it was a good investment.

I have been getting estimates from publishers--no not publisher exclusively--but printers, as to the cost of getting an edition of 5000 printed and 500 bound for the Christmas trade hereabouts, for which I have already several hundred orders, from Boston and New York, and Buffalo, and find that Matthews-Northrup Co., will do the best for me and they are near at hand. They only print, bind and deliver the book, the daughter and I doing the sales.

Now, I want to borrow the $1000.--for a year, giving as security all the revenue from the book until it is paid. I think 1500 or so copies can be sold in a year,--not enough to pay the debt, but as you know, I have considerable revenue coming in from the house in Washington, and some $600. from my property here and my pension. So I may be able to save something besides what comes in from the book, to pay on this debt. I am going on to Washington the 1st of Nov. to get the house in order for the new tenant,--and would like $500. by that tome and the rest by Dec. 1st. I would like to deposit this in a bank in Buffalo and draw from it as I have need, and not have any mix up with the daughter's and my accounts in the bank here. I have no incumbrances at all on any of my property here or elsewhere and am free from debt.

Tell me what you think of my plans, please.

Sincerely yours