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Mrs. Emma K. Tourgee,
Maysville, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Tourgee:-

"The Minister's Fee," I am sorry to say, is not a Sunday magazine possibility, and I am therefore hurrying it back to you as you requested.

A few days ago Mr. Moyle told me that he was having no success whatever in marketing that Brittany story your daughter sent me so long ago. I asked him to send it back to me, and yesterday I turned it over to a representative of the A. Wessels Co. book publishers. They are one of two concerns that are reprinting a large number of popular novels in fifty cent forms, and the Wessels Co., in addition, are publishing a considerable quantity of popular original fiction.

Should they think well of your daughter's story, I have asked them to write to you, or to her, rather, direct. If you wish to withdraw it at any time you may do so.

I am sorry that the story, excellent as it undoubtedly is, did not prove available for serialization somewhere, but it rarely happens, I think, that a story completely devoid of American interest, is looked upon with favor in these days, unless, perchance some famous author's name is attached to it, and even so excellent a writer as Joseph Conrad has been unable to sell many of his manuscripts in this country solely for such a reason.

I haven't any idea as to the terms Wessels & Co. makes with its authors, but I have made them understand that you were in no wise bound by my act in turning the manuscript over to them for a reading.

If I can aid you in any way please command me.

Yours respectfully,

Wm A Taylor
Editor.