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Mrs Albion W. Tourgee.

My Dear Madam ;-

Pardon me for addressing you, but am at a loss to know how I shall procure otherwise, some very much desired information. Briefly, am a member of a literary club here, having for the years study, "American Literature"; the subscriber is on for a paper, subject, "the works of Albion W. Tourgee.

I have read at intervals in the past 15 years, with much delight, a number of books from the pen of Judge Tourgee, viz, "The Fools Errand", "Bricks without Straw", A Royal Gentleman, (Toinette) John Eax, Mamelon, Hot Plough-Shares, Murvale Eastman, etc. From my narrow scope of vision, am unable to write an intelligent review on them, as to their influence on public opinion &c; and have been unable to find anything of this nature in our library. I assume that there were such appearing in contemporaries, which have not come under my notice, and which you would have preserved in some form.

I would esteem it a very great favor if you would loan me these for a limited time; or if you could refer me to any magazine, or publication containing a review, criticism or analysis of or on them.

Would gladly pay all expense connected with this, or furnish security for their safe return. May I hope for a reply ??.

I am - Most sincerely yours.

Ans. Dec 8th 1908

J. B. Metcalf, Agent -
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