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Mr Drayton Nichols, Editor,

Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

Supposing you are going to use my article--as you have not returned it--I want to ask if it possible for me to have the proof to make some little correction, which in looking over the duplicate copy I find necessary, such as the use of a plural vero in place of a singular, etc, etc. Such mistakes makes the cold shivers run over one to think of seeing in print.

I want to tell you privately, that the Assistant Secretary of State then, was the Francis B. Loomis, who I see is talked of as figuring in the new administration. We had not the slightest doubt but that he was well-paid in the "coin of the realm" to get Judge Tourgée out of the Bordeaux Consulate so that things could be run there in same loose fashion as they had hitherto been. You may remember that this same Loomis was before this mixed up in some Venezulean matters of an unsavory character. It would be greatly to be deplored should he become an influence for evil--he certainly could not be for good--in the incoming administration.

Please let know about the proof.

Sincerely yours,

E. H. T. —