

LEE, BERKSHIRE COUNTY, MASS.

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Dear Sir. Your card of 25th ult. was rec'd yesterday, and I hasten to express my regret that any act of mine should cause you trouble, and I sincerely hope it may not. And unless you have discovered trouble ere this, I do not think it will. Our village paper, in which the item was pub'd, only has a circulation of about 1000, and these are largely circulated right in our own vicinity, — and very few if any copies pass south of Mason & Dixon's line.

The transaction on my part I regret very much, though it is not <sup>an</sup> unusual one with publishers. In reviewing books, magazine articles, etc., it is a frequent

occurrence for editors, to speak of the author, even mentioning his name, although he may write over a fictitious signature. A large number of the public writers, in fact, most of the prominent ones, who write over some nominal de plume, are well known to the public as such, but in your case it may, for some reason, be far different. I would not attempt to justify myself in any wrong act, - and did it out of regard to you, and for the gratification of your old acquaintances hereabouts. I hope no harm will come to you in consequence, - but rather good, as is frequently the case. I did the same thing once for an author in Michigan, who went from this town, and she wrote me afterwards thanking me, and said she had made some sales of her book, in consequence of my notice.

All well here, and generally healthy in our town, we having a light run of slighting. Please excuse me, and believe me your most wishes.

J. W. Taylor.