

The Inter Ocean

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Mrs. W. K. Tourgee,

Mayville,

N. Y.

My Dear Mrs. Tourgee:-

Your letter in regard to the plates of "The Veteran and His Pipe" found me ill at home. I was down town when the Judge was here and have been down two or three times since but have been housed up again for two days and shall probably be here for some time longer. I wrote to Mr. Belford of Belford Clarke & Co and he sent me a reply which I cannot now lay my hands on in which he said that while the plates to the Veteran and His Pipe cost them \$300.00 he would sell them to me for \$175.00. I suppose this is a very reasonable price although I really know very little about it. Will you please let me know the Judge's wishes in regard to the matter?

In regard to "Button's Inn" I have had no account at all of the sales except that they have been very light. There has been very little response to the advertising that we have done for it. I have been unable to give the matter much personal attention but when I get down to the office I will have it looked into. I believe the number of copies

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I ordered was 50 as I was a little fearful of the sale of stories to our readers. We have never been very successful in selling stories through The Inter Ocean.

Very Respectfully,

Win. Penn Nixon.

Per L.S.