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Hon. ALBION W. TOURGEE,
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Respected Sir :

I have been requested by the "PHONOGRAPHIC WORLD," (the leading shorthand monthly in this country,) of New York, to gather for its readers the manner in which the prominent writers of the day record their thoughts, that is, whether in actual composition they use pen, typewriter, or dictate to stenographer.

The matter is one in which the stenographic fraternity of the United States would be especially interested, for it is believed among them that the typewriter is fast proving its superiority over the pen in almost every situation where transference of words to paper is required.

As one of our well-known writers, I should be greatly obliged if you would return me in the enclosed envelope a few lines as to your method of writing, and would highly esteem it if you saw fit to add any comments, suggestions, or general views upon this subject.

The result of these inquiries will be published in the "PHONOGRAPHIC WORLD," a copy of which will be sent you with pleasure.

Thanking you for the anticipated courtesy of your reply, I am

Yours very respectfully,

S. B. Phillips