

Southwood Feb. 19/89

Dear Judge:

It is nice to see your face once more if it is on a hill and you certainly do look like the ill of life agree with you pretty well - that is nice too. Since I can not hear any of the lectures it is pleasant to know what they are about and fill in from the subject for myself. You know every one who is so unfortunate as to be confined to St. E., has to make believe

a good deal and I practice
helps in the operation. so I can
almost imagine I hear you
speaking. You indeed I
have enjoyed your books very
greatly but why you should
think it would give me
pleasure to fall upon them
and then turn them to bits is
beyond my comprehension.
It certainly would be a deci-
-dently ungrateful performance.
There is one thing about 189
if you will allow me to say
so that man Matthew does
not live up to his name but
it is true the great original
of that name developed his
latent talents for wicked

After your acquaintance with
him - had ceased. Do you
remember Gemmi's reply to one
who tried to find fault with one
of his pictures and asked what
it proved? I am in no great
haste to prove myself a fool.
There is always a possibility
such said facts may remain
unknown if one does not hasten
to proclaim them. I have not
read The Veterans yet except in
spots. I'm no tactician for much
that is said now. You like to
work and never have too much
to do - with some time just a
simple novel not a bit of
moralizing of any kind except
what the story shows of itself

and no more description than
is absolutely necessary. Your
descriptions are charming. Miss
Murphy might take lessons of
you also whatever you write is
so well written it is a pleasure
to me who know and love
good American to read it but
I would like to see just a story
pure and simple from your
pen. Try it some time. In
short stories that part gets cut
out hence short stories are better
as stories than long ones I think.
Am I proving The Fool on my
self after all? Did you get away
from New England without the
vail cold? I hope so. Do you
like a Yankee or western audience
better? Write me when you can
your letters always give me pleasure
as you know. Your friend
Henry A. G.