

Lynchburg, Nov 7<sup>th</sup>  
1889  
Judge Abner Telford,

Dear Sir,

your very striking  
and interesting article in the Forum  
on "The South as a field for fiction" would  
be my excuse for addressing you.

I enclose a story I wrote for the South-  
ern Workman in 1885 in which  
I attempted as you suggest to con-  
nect the "New South" with the old.

I have been anxious to have it re-  
printed in some form that it would  
reach more Southern people than  
I offered it to several northern so-  
cieties, but it has always been de-  
clined. Perhaps you can make  
some suggestion with regard  
to it. I do not expect any pecunia-  
ry benefit to myself from its  
publication.

The character of Prof. Randolph  
is taken from Joseph Jones,  
who was born a slave in Virg.

2. husband's family is now  
instructor of "Greek Novels",  
in the Richmond Theo. Institute.

I was born a slaveholder, "as  
all my fathers were" & have al-  
ways been surrounded with  
negroes.

I have read several of your  
books with the deepest interest  
& sincerely sympathized with  
the hero of the "Fool's Errand",  
having been some what of "a  
fool" myself although I had  
never left home.

Hoping you will be kind  
enough to answer this letter  
I will not consider the writer  
a troublesome intruder.

I am yours respectfully,  
Ora Cary Horne.