

333 East 58<sup>th</sup> St NY

May 7<sup>th</sup> 1889

Albion W. Tourgee Esq.

Dear Sir:

The  
terrible calamity which  
has befallen us compels  
me to call upon you for  
aid, in this the darkest  
hour of our lives.

Of the sum  
of \$1,000 which I lent five  
and a half years ago, with  
the sole view of sustaining  
the declining fortune of  
"The Continent," \$600 were  
paid on my account, and  
I further received furniture  
which at a high valua-  
tion, I will call \$100:  
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This would leave a balance due me, rejecting interest, of \$300.

May I hope you will come to our relief, by the payment of this sum in three or four instalments within the present year.

Except the members of my family, no one could have sympathized more in your misfortune, and no one could be more loth to trouble you, even at this distant date, save for the dire exigency of our situation,  
than, dear Sir

Yours in affliction,  
Mary E. T. O'Brien.