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Hon. A. W. Tourgee,  
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

I was sorry not to be able to use the "Tide Watcher" & ~~Thoughts~~ "Thoughts" on the Johnstown calamity, a calamity which prevented an earlier answer to your letter of the 1st inst. The manuscript reached the office five hours after the supplement of The Press had been printed. We have been watching, of course, with very serious interest the progress of the coroner's inquiry at Johnstown, but we have refrained any comment thereto because the testimony is too conflicting to arrive at any just ~~decisive~~ conclusion as to the responsibility of the South Fork Club for the imperfections of the dam.

Very truly yours,

*Richard Merrill*