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Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville,

New York.

Dear Sir:-

I have just received your letter of the 15th, and I wish at once to express my regret that the recent series of "The Tidewatcher's Thoughts" ended as it did. I also realize also the cause you have to regret it, and I fully appreciate the graceful way in which your courtesy prompts you to express your regret.

The truth is, that the great Johnstown disaster, which occupied all of my thoughts and most of my time, for nearly three weeks, intervened between my first and second letter to you. Without that interruption, a misunderstanding would have been impossible.

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It is one of the rules of The Press Company, of which I am not the head, but only the officer of the day, never to offer, unconditionally, any sum for manuscripts, "sight unseen". It does pay the highest market rates for the contributions it uses, and nothing for what it does not use.

I take unusual care that no one writes for The Press, under any misapprehension as to this rule, and I very much regret that your misunderstanding of it was possible.

I shall lay your letter before the manager of The Press on his return in a few days, and shall then, I hope, have the pleasure of enclosing to you a check for the balance you suggest.

Again thanking you for the tact and consideration of your letter,  
I am,

Very Truly Yours,

*Harford Merrill*