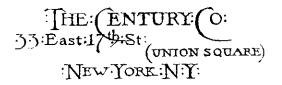
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February 8th, 1890

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

My dear Sir:-

We have your letter of February 5th in regard to Sections of the Dictionary. It is not from any motive of economy that we issue these Sections uncut, but for the reason that we have always considered their bindings as temporary and that in ninety nine cases out of a hundred they would be gathered together and bound in permanent leather bindings. When this last binding is done it is necessary then to cut the edges and either gild or marble them. However, as you say that you do not want the larger volumes and object to edges cut by a folder, we will at once have prepared a set with trimmed edges and sent to our agent in Buffalo who will exchange them for the copies which you already have, and we will see to it in the future that your Sections are delivered to you in the manner you desire, Believe me

Very truly yours

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