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L. L. LEWIS, JR.

Feb. 15, 1890.

My dear Judge:-

Thanks for your communication of this morning. I return herewith a copy of the contract properly signed.

I have been very busy of late, or I should have written you telling you how much I enjoy "With Guage and Swallow, Attorneys".

It is a delight to a lawyer to read such stories written in the easy and graceful style in which you have written them. It would almost seem you had lived in New York and been a member of some firm there for years. ^{local} It has the flavor, the legal flavor.

Mr. Matthews made the arrangement with me, having need of the money he induced me to advance one-half of it and take a half interest in the matter. I think he afterwards made some arrangement with his wife, who has a little money, with reference to the balance. I wish you to believe I have never felt that you ever intended any injustice in that matter, or I should have said so, for I am plain speaking. This contract evidences such a high sense of honor, that it fully confirms my very best impressions of you, my best opinion of you; an opinion which has never changed from the time I first met you. I hope you will not be made much trouble by that creditor. I assure you if I can render you any service in the matter, I shall render it with all my heart and all my might.

By the way, I wrote J. B. Lippincott & Co. that they ought to induce various law journals, which I named, to examine and

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review "Gauge and Swallow." I am sure the lawyers want to read it. I think Mrs. Moot enjoys it as much as I do. Whatever you write is read with great pleasure, and we shall look for your forthcoming article and book with interest.

I hope fortune may yet deal in her generous way with you as she has in times past.

Sincerely your friend,

#358 Elmwood Ave.

Adelbert Moot

P.S. We are in our new house and now hope you and your wife can spend a few days with us at your convenience for rest and pleasure. You might be able to give the boys some lectures at the Law School then. If you are not and desire them read, I will try and see they are well read, either by myself or by the president of last years graduating class, L. L. Lewis, Jr., of this office.

A.M.

To

Hon. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville,

N.Y.