

# The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, February 17th, 1909.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, New York.

My Dear Judge:---

Your very kind note came to hand on Saturday.

As the old fashioned people say, I am still on the mend. There has been only one recurrence of the trouble, and this was caused probably by over-exertion on my part, or by over-enthusiasm in the matter of taking exercise intended to increase my chest measure. The bleeding was very slight and was checked without trouble. Since I wrote you I have been examined by Dr. Ingalls, a specialist whose report on the general condition of lungs and throat is as favorable as that of my own physician. I am keeping out of doors as much as possible, and while I am at the office every day, I am not working as I did months ago. I know that there is a good deal of uncertainty in such cases, but so far my improvement has been such as to give me great encouragement.

I am glad you liked my little editorial on your book.

The article, after it was written, fell below my own expectations, and I was afraid it would fall below yours. I will be very glad to receive the sheets of the new book, and will read it with the

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more interest because of what you say about it. I was sorry to hear that you have been sick, and I hope you have "scared" yourself into a better state of health. Mr. Nixon's health is good and your other friends in the office keep fully up to their fighting weight. They all join in kind regards.

Very Sincerely,

*W. W. Rusbey*

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