

Postmaster, New York City (Mark Permal, and Immediate)

Dr Sir:

Five within a fortnight packages of proof or manuscript coming through your office for me have been lost. This represents hundreds of dollars of loss to me.

The last of these was a bundle of corrected proof representing several days' work mailed at Mayville N. Y. on Saturday February 1st addressed to Carroll Co., 104, Fourth Ave New York City. Letter postage paid ^{9th St} was not delivered up to last night. There is little chance of loss between here and there as it is bagged on Buffalo train and not opened until reaching New York. The numerous losses of this kind ~~through~~ where packages pass through your office are pretty good for the Express ^{companies} but ~~bad~~ very bad for those who have been accustomed to trust the mail.

I am a tolerably good Republican but
in four years with a Democrat at one
end of the line and a Mugger at
the other, I had less trouble than during
the last two months through sending
matters almost daily to New York,
and if the thing can't be improved ^{in any other way}
think we had better sweep back.

I don't know who is to blame
but somebody is and the thing is
getting so irrationous that I pro-
pose to see if something won't help
it

The Century Company:

Gentlemen:

I have a grievance which may not seem much in your eyes but which is immensely irritating to me.

I am one of the unfortunate purchasers of your dictionary. It comes in small volumes with rough edges. Three courses are open to me: (1) To cut the edges, itself a job irritating enough to one whose patience is short and especially irksome to one who has paid the strummy price you demand. (2) To take the larger volumes which I don't want. (3) To pitch the whole thing out doors.

I want the volumes for use — not display — and I do not want the larger volumes nor do I want the rough edges made by cutting them with a folder. If you make any of the smaller small volumes with trimmed edges please send a set to the Buffalo Agents with instructions to charge for mine. If not then a set as that I need not have to use a dirty ragged edged dictionary. At the

At the price paid for volume the purchaser of the dictionary ought

Editorial Note

The climacteric folly of the "Blain Bill" gets an analytic demonstration in Judge Lougee's new book "Pastorius Prime" which will make the ears of its congressional supporters tingle as if the school master had been abroad among them. His thorough mastery of every thing connected with the race problem gives him the right to speak with authority upon it, and his legal attainments and the clear, thoroughly practical character of all legislation he has ever recommended make it desirable that the country should call a halt until his views are considered. It is better to wait a few days longer than to repeat the stupidities of Reconstructionary legislation.

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Carell & Co announce a new novel story by Judge Lougee under the characteristically unique and attractive title "Pastorius Prime". That it is original and means something is a matter of course. "Pastorius Prime" is original both in scope and method. While dealing with ^{an entirely} new phase of the race problem, the author slashes right and left at the pet follies of the time and with the skill of the trained satirist touches many a good many peoples self-complacency who perhaps have little thought of being hit. The characters have all the life-likeness of those with which this author has clothed an array of types of American life and "Pastorius Prime" is bound to live in the memory of all readers and as one of the creations of genius which can never be forgotten. It is one of the most notable books published in a long time, and will be ready in a few days.