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Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,

Dear Sir:

We have undertaken an extensive Supplement to Webster's "Dictionary," the copyright of the 1859 edition having expired. This Supplement will contain some 30,000 words, most of them comparatively new words. We wish to have it contain all new words which have such a place in common usage as to justify their insertion in a dictionary. Immediately after the issue of the Supplement now in hand, we propose to organize a large force of American and English philologists to undertake the preparation of a complete International Dictionary. This, of course, will be a work of years,

For use in the present Supplement, would you do us the favor to send us a list of such new words as may occur to you which are not to be found in Webster. The development of science, medical, chemical, etc., and other branches of knowledge, is endlessly bringing into usage new words. These we wish to get hold of.

If any of what are known as "slang" words have in your judgment reached a precision of meaning, or a general usage, such as to merit a place in a dictionary, be so kind as to make mention of them, also, in your reply.

You will confer a great favor on us if in the next ten days you will give us such lists of words as above referred to, particularly along your special line of work.

Yours most respectfully,

Funk & Wagnalls
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