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My Dear Judge,

Yours of 14th to hand, I guess the less you quiz me  
on my remarks upon P.P. the better --- for me! especially upon  
the Philosophy thereof. Probably if I attempt to explain I shall get  
lost, but will say that in "Nature, not God," I mean something  
like this - that I am not of those who believe that God attends to all  
the details of his universe, but has laid down a law - inexorable  
in operation, from which every thing results; that the same law  
by which men are born into the world - grow old and die - brought  
into existence our Solar system - and governs and controls its  
greatest and smallest detail. Now don't criticize this - or you will  
get me when I cannot reply. It means only that the numbering  
of the hairs - the sparrow's fall, &c, is only a figure of speech, and  
that every sparrow has his time to fall, under the Law aforesaid.

I did not know that there was so little in common and so much in  
repellant forces between you & Ball. I remembered you always took pleas-  
ure in caricaturing his eccentricities, and that he was of a snorer,

if not jealous disposition, seldom, if ever, speaking unqualifiedly well  
of anybody, If I had known how you felt towards him I would not  
have mentioned his message. I am not aware that he has any particular  
ambition at this time, and would be glad to drop the subject  
without delivering your reply. All men are not endowed alike,  
may not both be a little right and a little wrong? I don't  
want to hurt his feelings-

Tell Mrs I have learned the meaning of *The Angelus*-  
which the *Inter Ocean* sent me - The sentiment is no doubt  
admirable, but what is in the execution? Is it not ex-  
ecrable?

Yes - you raised the Devil incarnate with your election Bill.  
The South was never made before, I think, and it grows on them  
I only hope it will pass. I am glad that Russell  
wrote you - and think you will do what you can for him.  
I have not seen him - but know his ambition in this line.

Hastily Yours,  
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