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Dear Mrs. Tourgee: -

I have your letter of the 10' suggesting the Judge's idea of publishing the "Golden Lilies" in two volumes. It is an idea, and yet I am not clear about it. Mr. Hulbert is in Chicago, and Mr. Bell in the Catskills. I will inquire of each and meanwhile revolve the question myself.

This, however, need not affect the question of condensation. A novel in two volumes is sufficiently suggestive of generous quantity; if the action does not proceed with vigor and sprightliness, the book will drag, and the fact of its being in two volumes will simply be an additional brake upon its progress. Therefore, please do not let up on the idea of cutting down the sermonic business.

E. M. Fay
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