

Mayville N. Y.

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My dear Wison:

I have been through hell and purgatory on my hands and knees over that story. I think it will end in my demise or lunacy.

Nothing ever had so many infernal mishaps before it was born, I think, in all the world. I look for it to make its appearance very awkward, splay footed, crooked eared and otherwise misshapen, when does come.

You know all the trouble of last summer. When we finally came to understand each other, the wife was taken sick and then the daughter and when I got ready to go to California, where I relied on Bancroft to tell me everything I had failed to find out myself, his time he said was up

and he must go at other arrangements. So he planned.

Then I thought I would do lectures enough to raise money to take a survey to Spain and the West Indies.

Then came the "Isis" done upon me in three installments, and here I am just free from it, and Spain and the West Indies, as far as I care as ever. What shall I do!

I ought to give it up. How am I to describe what I have not seen? — I who never could get any clear idea of heaven because I have never been there?

I am sure I don't know, but all the same I can't give up — because I don't know how. If I could get a glimpse

at Spain and the West Indies, or if I knew the West Indies, I might reward Spain — that I see no way.

Besides, the N.C.P.A. has some up and I am a friend to let go my hold on the R.P. Party: ~~that~~ but it should come out a "White Man's Party" at ~~the~~ ~~expense~~ of ~~the~~ ~~party~~. There certain information that Garrison, Peatt, May, Garrison and Allen, are all on this thing, that nothing would be said about the Negro or offspring of ~~the~~ ~~men~~ ~~of~~ ~~color~~ = ~~in~~ ~~order~~ ~~to~~ ~~secure~~ ~~harmony~~. Allen, May and Coker are all Pro the Whiggery Republicans and slavery more. Peatt don't care a snap if he only handles the funds, and Garrison thinks there's no hope for the Negroes because they don't think he's a great man ~~and~~ ~~quite~~ ~~impossible~~. It is foolhardy, but ~~the~~ ~~only~~ ~~way~~ ~~to~~ ~~know~~ ~~it~~ ~~is~~ ~~to~~ ~~be~~ ~~sure~~

but I suppose that when Aug. 1st comes you will
have enough of the story in hand to begin on,
and perhaps more. The title will be

"Out of the Sunset Sea"
a story
of Columbus' time."

I have had to whip off from all my first inten-
tions because the more we know of Columbus the less re-
spectable he becomes. It would be hard to hitch any
romance directly to him which would not seem
to be ridiculous. But I will try to have something
available, if not of the precise plan we talked over. Some
thing that will stir the blood and be true too. Yours, A. W. Tower