

The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, Feb. 6, 1892.

Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,
Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Tourgee:--

"John Workman's Notions" was omitted from Wednesday's paper because of five or six columns of advertising matter that came in late and made necessary several changes in the make-up. It was published on Thursday, however, and was also published in the Semi-Weekly. We dislike very much to leave out any regular feature of Wednesday's paper but it had to be done.

You are mistaken as to the Judge having annoyed me; there has been no annoyance and I am too proud of the fact that he is fond of me and his friendship is too precious to me to be annoyed at anything he may say urging his own notions.

Mrs. Busbey has been away for two or three weeks and Mabel and myself have been reading "A Son of old Harry". We have been greatly interested, not only in reading the book but talking it over. I have been greatly amused at the difference between the comments of a young girl of thirteen and the impressions of a man of fifty. We will long remember our reading of the book because we have had a companionable time over it. In some way the reading of the Judge's novels has marked episodes in my life, each episode bringing vividly to mind some change in my life. For example, ~~when~~ we were reading "Gage and Swallow" when I went down two years ago like a man shot in battle. We didn't finish

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the book until months later. I read "Pactolus' Prime" when I had my relapse three months later, read it when I was under restriction that permitted me to scarcely make any movement at all. For over a year I did not read aloud at all but when "Nurvale Eastman" came, I took my turn in reading aloud in the family circle, and this marked an era of rejoicing with the children and Mrs. Busbey. So you see with each book there is closely associated something in my personal history. I sincerely hope the Judge is improving steadily in health. I know something of the feeling that comes to a naturally active and energetic man under the restraint of semi-invalidism and I thoroughly sympathize with him.

Yours Sincerely,

W. A. Busbey