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The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, February 6th, 1892.

Judge A. W. Tourgee,
Mayvill, N. Y.

My Dear Judge:--

Yours of the 4th is before me. I feel awfully sorry about your afflictions and disappointments in regard to this which was to be a great Columbus work. I regret it much that you had to turn back from California, and if I were growing rich I would send you to Spain to have a good time and get some inspiration, but as it is I cannot. Some of the rest of us are having a hard time too. Both my daughters are sick with scarlet fever at Northampton, Mass. Mrs. Nixon is there to nurse them. Bertha, the youngest, was taken two days after she went back from her holiday vacation. Mrs. Nixon went on to nurse her and before she got through was compelled to take a house in order to do it properly, as everybody seemed to be afraid of the disease. Just as Bertha was getting so she could be about the house Mary was taken down, so she has got another siege of three or four weeks yet. So it goes troubles frequently come thick and fast.

In regard to your story I simply thought that this pamphlet would be a good one in which to announce your story. That is why I asked if we could announce it for next August as at first agreed upon, as it ought to be something of a card with people who are interested in the Bystander. I sincerely hope you will recover your vigor and yet make a great thing out of this new association. In haste-

Very Truly Yours,

Wm. Brewster