

Carthage Miss.
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Judge Albion W. Fongue }
Mayville New York }

Dear Sir -

Allow me to express my grateful appreciation, for your kind response to my letter, and your generous promise of assistance in my literary efforts.

I fully realize that a persons success in everything, depends upon his own efforts, fitness, and perseverance; but, a "helping hand" from one who can help, is a very valuable ally.

Please pardon me if I ask more than is easily possible for you to do.

If I could get some position as correspondent, with some

publication; or any literary work of that character, that might lead to something better, I would gladly accept it. If I should, some time in the near future, send you some Ms., could you kindly read, and give me your opinion of it? If this would not ^{be} encroaching too much on your valuable time, I would greatly appreciate the favor.

I will test your patience still further by asking you, at your convenience and leisure to let me know whether or not I may send something for your criticism.

Very Respectfully
Orville H. Howard