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Albion W Tourgee
Esteemed Friend

Please excuse an
"Old Comrade" for this presumption
in addressing this letter to you,
from an entire stranger. But
your "Joinette" your "Wool
Grand" and your "Bricks
without Straw" all so true
to the life; and your "Religious
Conviction" as therein portrayed
are so exactly like my own;
and having like you, gone
through all therein portrayed;
and seen all that you have
written about, as passing be-
fore my own experience in

Northwestern Virginia from
1848 to 1869, that I wish to
cultivate a little closer ac-
quaintance; — Perhaps you
have seen The "Lucker Scout"
that was published in the National
Tribune a year or so ago, if
so, I wish to say that I am that
Scout, and that I have written
out some considerable more of
my experience, and many of
my friends, who have read it
want me to have it printed in
book form, but as I am an
utter stranger to that business
I have made bold to address
you, in hopes you may put me
in a way of accomplishing
it, if you can, and are willing
I will send the manuscript
out to you, for you to have
it published and we will

divide profits equally —
as I am a poor old crippled
Comrade of the war, and
now nearly seventy five years
old, and have lost everything
by the war, the Rebels left
me nothing —

Please answer and
oblige your friend
Jonathan Roberts
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