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The Inter Ocean.

Chicago, March 25, 1893.

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

Dear Mrs. Tourgee:--

Your letter of the 21st at hand. I think you misunderstood my reference to the possibility of an incomplete story. I expressed a fear not an opinion, and was writing from the standpoint of the publishers here. My letter was meant to be a confidential one to indicate to you something of the sensitiveness on the story question prevailing here. The intention was to do you a service, and certainly there was no thought in my mind of any imputation of the kind you mention. The Judge, I think, will understand the delicacy of my position here, and he understands, I think also, the philosophy of my reticence. I have been quite as anxious about the success of "Out of the Sunset Sea" as yourself. I cannot understand how the story is to be satisfactorily finished in two more installments, but I am willing to wait and see the finish.

The Judge told me of your mother's illness and I can understand your feeling. At all such times you can rest assured of my sympathy. We will leave the whole question of the new story open, and if the Judge is coming to Chicago, he and Mr. Nixon can better discuss the question face to face than by letter.

Yours sincerely,

Wm. H. Burdick