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Judge Albion W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of April 15th. is at hand, also the first six chapters by registered mail. We think on the whole it will be better not to start setting the book until Miss Tourgee has gotten pretty well along again on the illustrations. It will only take a very few days to set this book up, and you understand that we cannot make up page proofs until we have the illustration blocks, and we would have to hold the type too long in galley.

I have sent out a little notice in regard to the postponement of publication to about 50 of the leading journals, and hope that many of them will notice it. What do you think about using a size smaller type than sample page sent you. If the book runs one hundred and thirty five thousand words I am afraid this type will make it too *long*, it will be something over 400 pages. perhaps we had better take the long primer, it will be as easy to read and will not fatten the book quite as much. What do you think about it?

Yours very truly,

