

Office of the Collector of Customs,
Port of Galveston, Texas,

May 2d, 1893.

Hon. Abner H. Sargent
Mayville, N. Y.

My dear Sir: From time to time I have
deigned writing you thanking you for your
kind, very kind review of my book *Deceit-
lines*. I know of nothing that could have
made me happier than the words of approval
my literary effort met from your mouth.
I have something now to encourage me
to make renewed effort on like lines; &
This determination is largely due to your
kind words. I am very anxious to see
Deceitlines staged properly. The race possesses
some very excellent dramatic talent &
should I succeed in procuring a backer

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I would like to see the first performance of Reevalines at the World's Fair. I would be happy if you would suggest some theatrical managers, who you think would seriously entertain a proposition, from me, to give Reevalines a professional trial. Residing as I do in the remote Southland, I do not enjoy the facilities to know who to approach on this errand. Owing to the very small edition of high cost of publication here, in Texas, the price of the book is \$1.50. Should I be fortunate in having a call for a second edition, I shall remedy this obstacle to a large sale. I send copy by this mail to Mr. Paddock. I am, sir

Yours very truly

William E. Oastner

Custom-House, Collector's Office,

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Collector.

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