

D. D. Merrill Company,

Publishers and Importers,

Fifth and St. Peter Streets, ST. PAUL.

74 Fifth Avenue, NEW YORK.

Judge Albion W. Sawyer
Dear Sir:

New York, July 31, 1893

The D. D. Merrill Company have
sold their publishing business to Merrill and
Paker and this office will be continued hereafter
by the new company at the same place, the
D. D. Merrill Co confining themselves to their
St Paul bookkeeping business.

Merrill and Paker pay the D. D. Merrill Co in full
for all stock and plates and with sufficient capital
for the conduct of the business hope to make it
increase rapidly in the future. The matter will
remain here in charge of the business and
will give his undivided attention to it.

Mr. Francis E. Paker of Goshen, Indiana
who is associated with me in the new company
is a son of United States Judge John H. Paker
of Indiana.

This change which has been the only subject of
negotiation for over two weeks has been the cause
of the delay in bringing out your new book
"Out of the Bush Area" and Merrill and Paker

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Now ask that you will accept them as the party of
the second part in place of the D. D. Merrill Company
and allow them to issue the book immediately.

The D. D. Merrill Co turn over to us all advance
orders taken for "Out of the Sunset Sea" and
"An Outing with the Queen of Hearts" and we only
await your permission to complete the
publication of the first above and push the
second forward as fast as the mus. and
drawings are furnished us.

The plates, binding dies, etc. of "Sunset Sea"
are all completed and the book can be made
in a very few days now and we believe you will
be pleased with the way in which it is gotten
up and the zeal with which we will push the sale.

If you will kindly have your daughter sign
the enclosed agreement and return one of them to us
we shall endeavor to make you entirely satisfied
with the change. Upon receipt of a telegram at our
expense that she will sign the transfer we will put
the book on the press.

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We regret the annoyance this delay has caused you but hope you will be satisfied with the reason causing it and will not again have reason to find fault with our promptness.

Is it your desire that we issue a dollar paper edition at the same time as the cloth?

Awaiting your reply we remain

Very truly yours

Merrill & Baker
J. A. Merrill