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Ridgway, Pa., Nov. 15, 1893.

Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,  
Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Judge:-- Returning to Ridgway after a short absence I find your letter of recent date relative to your books. I regret very much that I cannot obtain a uniform edition and feel tempted to wait till things are in better shape as I already have some of the books. However I will leave it to your judgment and if you think nothing will be gained by waiting, gather the dear "children of your brain" together and I will send you a check.

I have noted with delight the progress of your daughter whom I have never met yet with whom I seem almost to be acquainted. How becoming and delightful that the daughter can so aptly illustrate with pencil the work of the father's pen.

If you gather the books for me, take your own time to it.

Yours very truly,

*W. W. Barbour*  
*with a right hand*

My dear Arnold; you are too hard for  
me. I cannot determine what the future  
will do. I know that I reduced the  
debt that hung over my copyrights  
last year, by \$37,500, and got  
myself as near the surface that  
every now and then to bob up  
and get a whiff of fresh air.  
But it may be a good while before  
my dream of a uniform edition  
will come true; I cannot tell.  
I can furnish the autographs yet,  
and the books in such form as  
they are; but you must be the  
doctor to decide whether you  
want them now or not.