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My dear Judge Towner

I am sorry that you can't  
go to Syracuse but - do! for the  
Soldier's Home & Kenka's sake in June!

I shall read the printed matter  
with great interest.

And now the pen must do  
what I had planned for the Chin.

As Soldier, Consul & Minister  
- Globe Trotter as well - I have  
had varied experiences.

I have slowly put them  
into the form of short stories.

No more in them except their truth.

I call them "Smoking Room Stories,"  
by Peregrine Peregrin.

Partial friends think them  
warty of book form.

I want an impartial and  
experienced friend's judgment.

Half a doz. of them will give  
a fair idea of the whole.

Have I any claim upon  
you which justifies me in  
asking two hours time?

At your convenience of course.

I shall be only too delighted  
to come to Magazine.

Mrs. Shepard waits at  
your shrine.

Sincerely yours

C. O. Shepard