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My dear Judge Tourgee:

I read your little article at once and have been delaying writing you because I was uncertain what to say.

Most of the article is, to my mind, suitable for publication in the newspapers; but there is a considerable part of it that I should advise you to leave out. The valuable part of the article, and what I think the article should be limited to, is mainly your war experiences and your experiences in getting the book published and its results, with just a little of the autobiographical matter. This would leave out nearly all of Part I. and a considerable part of Part II. The article as it stands now is too long.

I have hesitated to say this to you and that is why I have been so slow in writing to you, but this is my judgment.

very sincerely yours,



Judge A. W. Tourgee,  
Mayville, N. Y.