

Mayville, N. Y.

June 13th 1894.

My dear Sir:

During a convalescence from a severe illness last winter, I dictated a bit of reminiscence, entitled "My First Book."

It is a simple pathetic account of a book written while I lay disabled by wounds received at the first battle of Bull Run; the publication of which was paid for by the first money received by me as a pensioner. It unites the story of a first battle with the story of a first book, which "died a bornin'" so completely that no one knows today, even the name thereof, save its author.

In a personal sense it deals with my preparation for a literary life.

It is divided into three parts of about 3,000 words each. (See slip enclosed.)

I propose to have it accompanied by four different portraits as collegian, soldier, (see enclosed) as judge, and of the present, none of which have yet been published.

Would you care to look at the manuscript with a view as to its use in the "Companion"?

Very sincerely yours,

To Editor
Truth's Companion.
Boston
Mass.

Albion W. Tourgee

MY FIRST BOOK.

I. -----How it came to be written.

II.-----How I wrote it.

III.-----The Publication, and what came of it.

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Gentlemen: I have ~~been~~ am just finishing an article of two installments, ~~3000~~, about 4,000 words each, entitled "The Story of 'My First Book'".

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It is especially new in the
sense that I have never
talked or written about
myself at all. Out side
of what the Encyclopedia
presents, there is nothing
to be found indicating
my least reason why I
inclined to a literary life.

Would you like these
articles?

Respectfully

Albin D. Tourgee

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