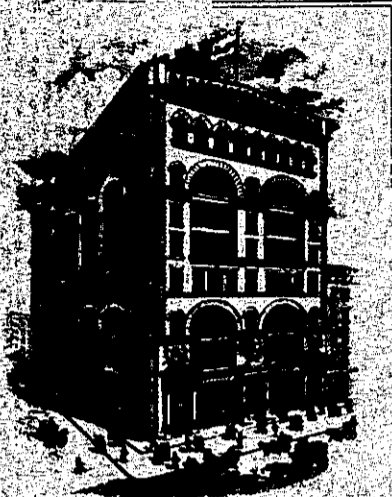


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Dear Sir:-

We beg to thank you most heartily for your kind favor of the 14th inst. Unfortunately, however, we have arranged for a series of short stories by Gilbert Parker, to be published about the end of September, which will be followed in all probability by a novel either by Conan Doyle or Clark Russell.

We are, therefore, very much afraid that we could not use your interesting bit of reminiscence, entitled "My First Book". Our paper is rather small, and we must depend upon the variety of subjects to make it compete successfully.

Thanking you, however, for your courtesy, we remain

Yours very truly,

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