

Cleveland, O. August 24th. 1894

My Dear Judge:-

I am pleased to acknowledge the receipt of the last installment of your books and also to express my extreme pleasure that "Buttons Inn" is an illustrated souvenir edition. I am not posted in this kind of work, but on inspection I have thought it to be the handy work of your daughter and done with the mere faint outline touched up with india ink and camels hair brush. I am particularly interested in reading the opening chapters, recognizing as I do the locality you pointed out to me as being the location of the book. I am only sorry that I had not the time to further inspect the gorge at that place, as it has occurred to me that possibly at one time some of the surplus waters of Lake Erie flowed through that place down into Lake Chautauqua. You will remember how my eye was caught by the fossil stone that laid by the road-side, but the truth of the matter is, that I was much more interested in the driver of the horse than ~~from~~ the scenery or the geological land marks.

In this connection I have to say, that I was on the point of writing you yesterday that business events have so transpired that we will not be able to pay you the promised visit next week. We are amid the Chaos of uncertainties----the coke strike is ended, but the water supply is short, and so far we have not been able to start

our furnaces, but have promise of supply on Monday next. This in connection with a compulsory trip to the northwest on the first of September deprives me of the pleasure I have anticipated in visiting you again. I hope however at some later day to be able to do so. Meantime I would be glad, even if you are unable to come, that your wife and daughter would pay us a visit. Cannot this be arranged? We live in a quiet simple way, but we would be glad to have them both and a little correspondence can fix a time which will suit the convenience of both. Of course you will be at the next reunion in Youngstown.

Up to this morning we have not heard from His Excellency the President as to what he intends doing with the Senate Bill. I have made two bets, one that he will not sign the bill, and another that he will vote it. The chances are that this will be "horse and horse," at the same time I have such unbounded reliance in the stubborn and conceited disposition of the man that I look to see him return the bill without his approval. I have read your article published in the Chicago Inter Ocean on the 18th inst. entitled "A Bystander's Notes", every word of which meet with my approval, except a single statement, where after stating that the President having utterly ignored political and economic studies in the former period of his life etc., you say he found himself compelled after middle life was reached to take up the studies. I want to say to you that in my honest opinion I do not think he ever took up any study, and I will

cite you to his celebrated Tariff message issued in his first term, which would not favorably compare with the work of a common school boy.

I mailed you some little time ago some photographs, one of myself in the callow period, one of Major Perkins and one of the Field & Staff officers of the 105th. taken on the promontory on Lookout Mountain. Did you receive them? Please let me hear from you at an early date, and oblige.

Yours very respectfully,

*Fog*  
*Wm. G. M. J. J. J.*      *G. M. Robbins*

*My kindest regards to your family*