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Oct 21st 1894

Mrs A W Tourgee,

My dear friend,

We had a most delightful ride on the "Nickel Plate" thanks to your good husband whose ingenuity managed to bring good out of evil, after our stupidity in leaving our trunks at Jamestown

We decided to keep the Sabbath and remain in Chicago till to-morrow Monday, telegraphed home and thought that would keep them pacified

To day it has rained very hard and the "Queen of Hearts" has been a source of delight and comfort

How do we like it? it is one of the sweetest things in literature it is perfectly lovely and you should and doubtless are the happiest woman in the world - you are worthy of all that your king has said and he has said all a man can say.

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so you and he have attained that perfection of earthly happiness that God designed for the human family in the garden of Eden. I want to send several copies to some friends that I know will appreciate their value.

We enjoy the pictures and hope soon to have the "Queen of Hearts" added to the list also the horse & Lullertie and Miss Emillas sweet face haunts us with a longing to see in photo if she will be so gracious.

Sister will write you of her opinion of the Book soon - she has revelled in it and has now retired asking me to write.

To the dear daughter give my warmest love and hopes for her finding relief in New York for her failing strength that she

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go on in the beautiful art she has chosen and make the mark that is in every work of her facile touch. and pop her memory on the Tomato raising if she can spare us a copy. we shall be most happy

And now thanking you for your hospitality and the pleasure we enjoyed in your family I am ever

Sincerely Yours

A. E. Cotton

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