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

Dear Sir:-

Please pardon me in addressing you, a stranger whom you have never seen. but nevertheless one who, in his humble way is an admirer of your book. and is your friend.

I have great ambition to write and have taken the liberty of addressing you for advice.

I have had the misfortune to have my MSS. returned from the editor "declined," more than once. I am about discouraged. Did you, before you became famous ever meet such a Waterloo?

I read somewhere that one of F. Marion Crawford's novels

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was in the hands of the years
publishers of a magazine twelve
ere it was used.

It would be pretty discouraging
to me to be obliged to write
that long.

I will thank you kindly
for any little advice or help
and shall be guided thereby.

Is there any one book better
than another for one to study
in order to get style or is an
original style of your own the
best.

Thanking you for a reply
and again begging your
pardon for this intrusion I
remain

Yours sincerely

Chas H. Robb

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