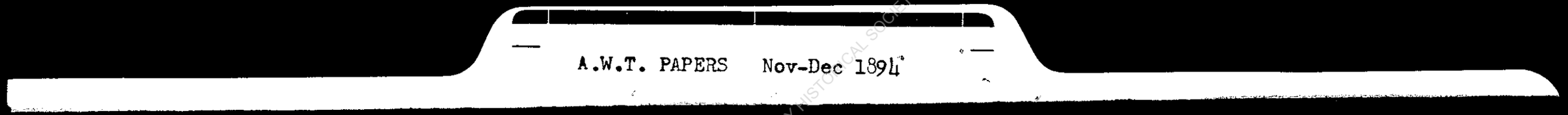

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Hon Albion W. Tourgee
Mayville on Chautauqua
My dear Sir:

I know you will pardon me in correcting one statement in the Story of a Thousand, as I feel I owe it to your Colonel, my father, to see the correction made. On page 77 of the Cosmopolitan I read "The Colonel had a scar upon his forehead, a reminiscence of the battle of Shiloh. Curiously enough, he did not profess to know how it was received, whether by shot or shell, a fall or blow. He could only recall that darkness fell upon him, and when it became light again his regiment was no where to be seen and the enemy's line was but a few paces away. It did not matter; the disabling effects of war are just as honorable as the wounds inflicted by the guns of the enemy. His men liked him the better for his candor!" Of course I do not know the sources of your information on which you

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base these statements. I do know that my Father was shot by a rebel, and that the bullet entered the front upper part of his head, penetrated and passed through the brain and passed out the back part of the skull. On page 172 Vol 2 Reid's "Ohio in the War", it is recorded that "On April 7th the Twenty Fourth was engaged all day in the battle, and not only sustained its former reputation, but added new laurels. Major Hall was here severely wounded". I have here now in my home the identical Major's cap he wore at Shiloh, with the bullet hole in front and back. I saw the wound with my own eyes, and boy as I was I distinctly remember it. They told us he was shot about dusk, by a rebel straggler, and his men of the 24th O. S. I. said they shot and killed the rebel — at any rate they sent home to us an Enfield musket of English make, which they said they took from that rebel

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and that gun I have now in my home.
I will go to the trouble to search the
War records in our State Library, unless
if I can not find Col. Ammen's report
of the 24th al. Child. If Jacob Ammen
be alive, I know he will confirm what
I have written. Though then only Major
he was tenderly cared for in the field and
at once sent home to Ohio. Surgeon
C. E. Yeiser, Surgeon General of Ohio, now of
Akron, an eminent Surgeon of Cleveland, treated
him, and will confirm my statement, as
gun shot wound caused that scar upon the
upper-right-side of Albert S. Hall's forehead.
When the "Story" appears in book form, kindly
correct the cause of that scar to accord with the
fact.

Very Truly Yours
Chas. R. Hall

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