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Mayville,N.Y.

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Merrill & Baker:

Gentlemen:

Yours of the 21st with copyright statement is received.

I am compelled to take exception to the item of $85.25,for "Author's corrections."

If you will consult the proof,you will see that at least three fourths of these corrections were caused by what are clearly the errors of the printer and not by any change or amendment of the author.

Instances--Page 109--was mortised to cut and had to be set over.Page 119 was set in like form--no indentation.Page 122--cut upside down.

More than thirty pages had to be run over by evident neglect of the form and character of the illustration. I was not responsible for these changes. The cut proofs were returned with explicit directions as to place and page,but no attention whatever was paid to these directions.

Had the printer followed directions,the changes could not possibly have amounted to near the 10 percent stipulated in the contract.

In addition to this your attention is called to the fact that a very large portion of these changes were made necessary by evident disregard of requirements of the cuts themselves. the errors of the printers in running over these pages. For instance--

In the final proof,Page 1--was reset so as to be mere absurd nonsense,and all had to be set over. This was not "Author's correc-