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Friend Tourgee

I have your postal asking for the date of my brother Horatio's death. I do not see how I could have omitted these details, the date is Nov 10th 1890 and place Austin Texas

Another error of mine to which my attention has been called is in the spelling of Mr. Kagy's name Kagi instead of Kagy. He used to write it for me in a very elegant hand John H. Kagy and amuse himself in

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in trying to teach me to pronounce the name as he did with a peculiar asperation of the K, as if the name were spelled Heagy a german way of pronouncing the name I suppose but which I could never quite accomplish

I have been reading "the Story" in the Cosmopolitan with much intrest, as have many of our neighbors, and congratulate you and the regiment on your success in making "Brick without Straw" — except of your own laborious gleaning. — I am sorry that your labors have not been lightened by a more general response on the part of the members of the regiment but am not sure that the results would have been more satisfactory by an increase in the number of "Cooks"

Several members of my family have been "dinging" at me ever since I brought home the "Itinerary" to have me ask you if I could not have my picture changed before the book is printed, they think the cut does not do justice to my beauty Call me "Dr Talmadge" because of a fancied resemblance of the cut — and especially the cut across the face — to the ample gash which serves

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as a door of utterance
for the Rebekah divine.
I do not myself care
much about it, but to
please my friends I will
if it does not involve
too much trouble to you -
send another Photo. for
the Bheering Co to grapple
with. expecting of course to
pay the additional expense
If for any reason it
is not desirable do not
hesitate to so inform me
Yours truly
N. O. Smith