April ninth. Tuesday
Judge Tourgee   ninety first -

You will pardon the liberty I have taken in writing to you - when I introduce myself as the daughter of Col Edward King - and having read your story "a thousand" was exceedingly pleased at the mention of my Father - and indeed I thank you for it - was very much interested in the whole - Morgan's episode - I remember well for we were in Cincinnati at the time - and very near a cannon (good for nought) that was stationed in the hill back of my Uncles house - and looked war - appeared well - made a fine showing - and when every morning the Fathers bade their families a tender farewell - going forth to battle (?) nay perchance to work on the trenches (all past middle age -) returning when the sun went down - not knowing what the morrow had in store for them - made a great impression on my mind

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I enjoy everything pertaining to that war - & living in Galena the home of Grant, Rawlins - Washburne and many other noted men - the flame of patriotism is ever bright - Galena seems indeed historic - Capt Mauzy of Rushville kindly gave me your address - and I am greatly indebted to him for many interesting items of the doings of the Veterans - Sometimes I think I should like to be present at the dedication of the Chickamauga Park - yet am not sure enough of myself to risk the nervous strain - that would surely come with the music & the soldiers - Thanking you again Judge Tourgee for your kindly words - I am very truly yours -

Mary King Newhall

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