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Hon. A. W. Dougee
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My Dear Sir—

I am afraid my enthusiasm, aroused by your letter just received this morning, has run ahead of my better judgment, for I forthwith penned the accompanying article, which I submit to you. Of course those facts have been gathered from a long course of reading and investigation already made. I hope you may deem it worthy of print.

But in any case, you will please be rigid with me, only

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Give me a little chance, and
see if I improve.
I have tried to comd a little
under your words rather
than be over.
I thank you for your very
kind letter.

Your obedient servant
Fred Mitchell

P. S. My nom de plume is
G. E. D - Vires
if you ~~think~~ think it proper
to use it. It makes no difference
with me,

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