22 Columbia St. W., Detroit,
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Hon Albion W. Tourgee
Mayville, N.Y.

Dear Judge:

I sent you my answers to the first lesson in "Citizenship", merely from the habit of giving my little push of encouragement to every ball of progress I see set in motion. Had it occurred to me that you might publish them I would have been a little more careful and would not have omitted the last half of my answer to question 36. As in my thought, the whole answer was:- "Government is the machine for ruling; Sovereignty the right to rule, controlling the machine."
~~The phrase escaped through a little mental skirmish~~
over the propriety of substituting the slang 'running the machine.' "Sovereignty is the exercising of the right to rule, by means of the machine," would perhaps have been more explicit.

This is not meant for The Basis. It is only to let you see that our thought did run parallel all the way.

Notwithstanding my ultra crude chirography, I am disposed to make the claw footed imps that delight in playing pranks with the compositor's stick chargeable with the slur against the members of the Social organization contained in the last answer to question 5.

Use the accompanying page or not as you see fit. Kind regards to all the members of the family.

Sincerely — E. J. M. Clemens.