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Oswego, Ill, April 21, 1896

Judge Albion W. Tourgee

Dear Sir;

Last summer I wrote a story of twenty chapters entitled Werther, which I sent to the New York Herald to compete for the prize they offered for the best novelette. It was not successful and after the contest closed my story was returned.

Now I wish to ask if you will do me the favor to look it over, and if you find it worthy, please advise me as to which publishing house you think would be the most likely to accept a story of the kind. I would be very glad indeed to have you do so.

Very Respectfully

(Mrs) E. Robson Croman