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P.S. N.W.T.
This has just come in, after my envelope was sealed sending you the first one. I send both for your information. What shall I do with the MS? Do you want to revise it more at leisure, or shall I send it elsewhere?
Faithfully yours
J.R.H.

J.R. Howard, Esq.
47 East 10th Street,
New York City.

My dear Mr. Howard:-

I have hastened the final reading of the story - or rather, the two final readings - and have carefully discussed it with Mr. Gilder. We both recognize, as the previous readers had done, a remarkable interest in the narrative which will be sure to obtain an audience for it somewhere else; but to us it has one quality which is very much in disfavor at this place at the present time. It is painful. It does seem as if everybody in the country who has anything painful to write about is sending his manuscript to "The Century", and curiously enough a good deal of this sort of writing is powerful.

If we should put this story on our accepted list it would be many and many a long month before it would see the light, for every month we search our list of stories for something entertaining and amusing as a variation from wars, death and destruction, as represented by other contributions. We are loath to take on a story which has so little chance of early publication, though otherwise it is, or could very easi-

ly be made, acceptable for our use.

We return the manuscript to you with reluctance, and with appreciation of the patience which the author has shown. I send this down at once on the chance of saving you a letter to him on the line of my suggestion of yesterday.

We return Mr. Quitman's letters addressed to you.

Very sincerely yours,

R. H. Johnson.

Associate Ed.