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Dear Judge

I send what I could find of Catharine's arrival, of Arthur, &c.

No trace of Florian's Ensalvo in the Am. Catalogues. I have written to Dodd Mead & to Scribners about it & about Dixon's 4 vols. Will report.

About the Author's list I have gone for Abbott, Mabie, & Shaw. I wrote you about them they are all very kindly & appreciative of you, but object on principle to sign any such letter. Cable has signed it. John Hay I don't know anything about for many years: he is not in N.Y. but either in Cleveland or Washn. As to Horace Porter I fancy he rd. by like Woodford "not signing any letters just now", but voting for No. 1! I send the letter as it is. It would be hard

to beat the few names that are on it, anyhow. If you know of any one else send it back & I'll go for 'em. (Howells I sh^d think out of the question, unless you know him personally. You & he are at opposite poles — except as Republicans!)

The Publishers I may get more on, and I will have a general list for "Miscellaneous" — or, as Mt Venus has it, "human various".

I wish you good luck with the syndicate. I suppose it's too late now for Mr Chase's

Yours in haste,

J. R. M.

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