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THE YOUTH'S COMPANION.

April 12, 1897.

Mr. Albion W. Tourgee,

Dear Sir:-

We do not think that the articles referred to were ever printed in the Companion, and we doubt if the manuscript of them could now be recovered. At that time -- ten years ago -- we were much less careful about the preservation of manuscripts which were not used than we are now, and we presume that long before we moved to our present quarters the matter which it had been decided not to print, was thrown away.

We are very sorry that we cannot return the manuscript but you are entirely at liberty to make use of the matter although it was not printed in the Companion.

Very truly yours,

The Editors.