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Hon. Albion W. Tourgee,
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Dear Sir:

Your letter of the 20th inst. received. We assumed from your first letter that you desired to enjoin the further publication of "New Life" or "Neues Leben" and that you did not wish to commence suit for the damages.

We have not been able to find out who published the play and if you can find out through your publishers this fact, we will see what can be done. In the meantime we will endeavor to learn who the Proprietor of the Irving Place Theatre is and will make a demand upon him on your behalf for settlement of your claim.

If you can ascertain that it is to be published or played by other parties as you state you are informed, and will let us know, we will advise you further.

We deem it advisable for you to get a copy of the translation or dramatization if you can. You should have this before suit could be brought in order to show that it is a violation of the copyright of the book. Mere newspaper clipping would not be evidence nor would it give us sufficient information to either obtain an injunction or to prepare a complaint. Please send us copy of the book with a copy of the translation or dramatization if you can obtain it.

Yours very truly,

Ritch Woodford Bovee & Wallace
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