War Department,
Office of the Secretary,
Washington.

April 24, 1897.

Mrs. Albion W. Tourgée,

My dear Madam

I am just in receipt of your kind note and the copy of the "Inn", and hasten to express my delighted appreciation of your thoughtful courtesy. Mrs. Lyons and myself will enjoy exploring the "Inn", and it may afford shelter for some weary, if not stormy, thoughts. The book

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will be esteemed always, coming as it does, so direct from the author with his autograph, his daughters' illustrations and his wife's good wishes. It is seldom we receive so delicate consideration outside the spirit of the author in his story.

The umbrella will be in safe keeping until called for.

I thank you all three for the pleasure given, and beg to remain,

Very respectfully yours,

Fred C. Squires

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