Ans

WREN'S NEST,
ESSEX, CONNECTICUT.

May 17. 1897.

Dear Sir: Learning from the public prints that you have been appointed Consul at Bordeaux, I take the liberty of applying for the position of vice-consul under you. Briefly, I am a bachelor of thirty-nine - a graduate of Yale and, although I have had many years successful business experience in New York and elsewhere, my tastes have always been rather literary than mercantile. Being fond of life abroad (I have travelled extensively through Europe on several occasions), I am willing to give you the full benefit of the best that is in me in the way of work for a very moderate compensation. Of course, I can furnish unquestionable references as

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to character and ability and if you so desire, will arrange for an
interview, so that you may be able to form some idea of
my personality, which I assure you is that of a gentleman
and man of the world. Trusting that you will pardon me for
trespassing upon your time, I am,

respectfully yours

Frank Runyon Gallaher.

Hon. Albion Tourgee,
Consul at Bordeaux,
New York.

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