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Judge A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

We opened last winter an account with Mr. S. L. Moser,
manager of the American Live Question Bureau, address of which was
912 N. Garrison Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Mr. Moser wanted to handle your book the "War of the
Standards", and expressed himself as being hopeful of securing for
it sale in new channels.

He took over copies of the book amounting to, at net
prices, \$81.50, and we have been able thus far to secure from him
no settlement or partial payment. According to latest report he
is no longer to be found at the St. Louis address originally given.

It is our impression that in opening the account with
him we had secured some information from the author of the book.
We shall be glad if you may now be able to furnish us with any
further information concerning Mr. Moser's whereabouts, or to give
us any suggestion concerning the measures to be taken for the
collection of our account.

Yours truly
G. P. Putnam & Sons

Gentlemen: I have yours of the 25th concerning a Mr. S. L. Mager. I have no memory whatever of such a person and it is quite unlike me to make any endorsement of a stranger. I may have referred him to you when he made inquiry concerning sale of the book but could not possibly have recommended you to credit a perfect stranger. Possibly, if I had access to my letter-books of that time, I might learn something more of him but without that aid I have no recollection of man, name or letter.

Very truly yours
Abner W. Bourgee