Hobart College,
Geneva, N.Y.

My dear Judge.-

Since I wrote my note of congratulation a week ago tonight, I have been thinking & writing to you again, and my decision to do so was prompted by the receipt of a letter from my brother, this morning, asking me why it would not be a good plan.

I have been wondering

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if you could not take me to France with you and use me in some capacity. I suppose the chance of your being able to do so is small, but there seems to be enough to justify me in asking for it, and certainly a thing is worth asking for if it is worth having. I should like to go very much, and if you can use me I shall be very glad.

As for my ability to speak

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the French language, I might say that I should hardly find myself terribly at sea with the natives. I have taken French here in college for the last two years under a native Frenchman, and this last year it was [illegible] in French. Consequently, I can understand very well, and speak quite a good deal. I have been thinking of taking for the next year or two, and when I asked the French Professor for a recommendation he gave me a very nice one. He says in part: "Mr. A. P. Fischer has studied French under me for the last two years, he has shown himself an apt pupil and his work has always been highly satisfactory." Then after eulogizing my conduct in college, he continues:

"Mr. Fischer has a gift for modern languages, and the mastery of them, his

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pronunciation is good & he ought
to make a successful teacher."
I can also speak German pretty
well, but I don't know as
that hardly bears on the case.

Mother's letter this morning
said that she would give her
permission if you wanted me,
or although she would hate to
have me go, she could see that
it would be a good experience.
To quote from her letter,
she says: "In speaking of
Judge Burgee the other
day, Charlie said, "If the

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Judge could rely the Trunk
with him even if he could
not to [illegible] more than pay
[illegible] I should be in
[illegible]
[illegible] would
[illegible]. I should feel bad
to have you so far away but
Europe & especially France could
not fail to be a benefit to you."
Therefore I anticipate no
trouble in getting the consent
of my family, if you should
decide that you could make

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some use of me.

It might be well to state that I expect to get "Honorable Mention" in French at Commencement.

I think that you know my politics so that could be no detriment. They are just the same as they were when the news came that Cleveland had been elected for his first term.

Well, I think I edge that I have laid the case before you sufficiently and I hope that it will meet your approval or at least I hope that you will find enough merits in it to consider it. If you cannot find a place for me I shall be perfectly satisfied with the outcome and believe that it is for the best.

With kindest regards to Mrs. Tourgée and Todi, I am, as ever

Very Sincerely Yours,

Frank P. Whicher

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