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Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,

Mayville, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Tourgee:-

I am glad to learn from your letter of the 6th that you are dealing with an established house in London and I presume its standing is O.K.

Instead of enclosing the letter of Headley Bros, you have returned my letter to you of the 4th. On the back of this I give a list of the plates belonging to you --eleven (11) sets in all.

My recollection is that "Pactolus Prime" was purchased at auction by Street & Smith. They entered into a contract to publish a cheap edition but changed their policy before doing so and never carried out that contract. I suppose the contract was sent to the Judge. If not, I might make a search for it. I have another recollection, namely, that a demand was made on Street & Smith to turn over the plates to the Judge because of not keeping their contract, but they ignored this demand. Perhaps a letter direct from you would make a stronger appeal. Their address is

Street & Smith,
238 William Street,
New York.

I could put the matter in the hands of an attorney if you get no satisfaction.

In regard to printing for an English house, much will depend upon whether you wish to invest capital for paper and press work and wait six months or a year, according to English practice, for returns. I

am not so sure but that it would simplify matters to send the plates over there where both paper and press work are cheaper, and where they are accustomed to paying authors royalty.

I never read "'Eighty-Nine". Is that the Judge's story of ~~the~~ Thousand, the Ohio regiment?

Please accept my thanks for the printed programme. This has a most natural portrait of the Judge, and although a little dim, it seems much more life-like than the only photograph I possess of him.

I do hope the daughter will soon be restored to usual vigor. I wish she could go to Pinehurst, N. C. which furnishes about the best air to breathe I have inhaled.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Rev. S. Hulbert
Co. Bible House