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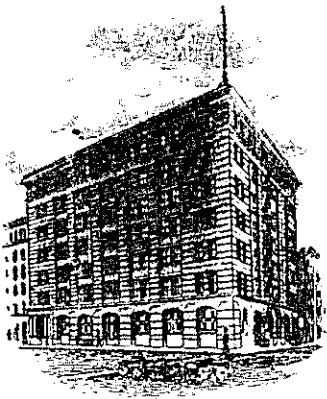
January 10th, 1906.

Mrs. A. W. Tourgee,  
2015 Kalorama Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Madam:

Since receiving your letter of the 29th ultimo we have gone carefully into the matter of the plates of your husband's books. We find that the plates of "Out of The Sunset Sea" and "Out With the Queen of Hearts" passed out of our hands some years ago. They were returned to Fords, Howard & Hulbert. All of the plates were acquired at an auction sale conducted by Bangs & Company in 1899. At that sale we bought a great many plates from the Cassell Publishing Company and it appears that some plates of the house of Fords, Howard & Hulbert were tacked on at the end of the sale. This is how we came to acquire the plates. "Pactolus Prime" was one of the books represented in the sale. We have these plates and it appears from correspondence with Fords, Howard & Hulbert that we made an agreement to print a paper edition from the said plates at a royalty of 10%, as you state in your letter. For some reason or other this edition was never printed.

As you have written us with the idea of acquiring



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the set of plates, we assume that you have no particular desire to have us carry out the agreement. We are quite willing to turn over the plates to you without charge in view of the fact that we have not brought out the paper edition as arranged. This we had entirely overlooked. Please let us know about this so that we may close the matter up. The plates are at your disposition. Should you elect to take them, kindly send us shipping instructions.

Very truly yours,

Street & Smith.

O. G. S.

THIS LETTER WAS DICTATED BY  
MR. SMITH BUT WAS NOT  
READY FOR HIS SIGNATURE BE-  
FORE HE LEFT THE OFFICE.