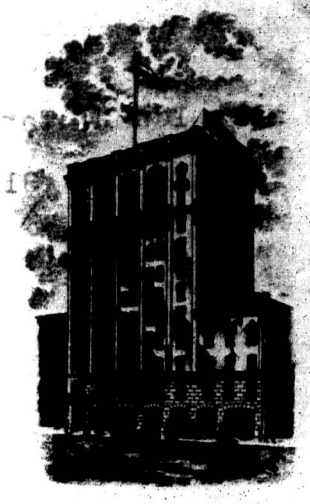


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17 Bolton Road,
NEW YORK, March 15--15.

Dear Miss Tarbell:--

I succeeded in locating the story, "France Adoree", in regard to which my sister, Emma, had written me, and in securing a copy of the number of Scribners in which it appeared (May, 1892), and write to express my appreciation, both of the story itself and for your courtesy in the matter.

As I finished reading it, there came to me the mental exclamation: "Well, well, so that was the finish of my old friend M.Claude; what a truly beautiful life story of the hunger in the human heart to have discovered in one whose funny English helped to furnish me with amusement for so many years. How we all turn back to life's play-day and it's playground!"

You see, he was an almost daily visitor, and the best friend of M. Besancon, down in the corner grocery store-- and next to the German butcher, who had fought on the other side-- and it all came back so vividly, their talks, as I read. The two, Claude and Besancon, (or Besanson) wished to teach me French, and insisted that I learn how to say in French, "You are a big pig" perfectly, that I might say it to one whom they disliked and who was to be "Josephine" or something like that at a May dance down at the Armory. I was dressed as an Indian in the May-pole dance. Well, they were good old days, and it is no wonder Emma wanted to read the story over again. Some day. I hope to be able to accept your kind invitation to drop in and shake hands.

Sincerely,

A. J. Firth

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