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Sir:-

I have been a reader of "McClure's" for some time and wish to submit a suggestion: Have noticed in reading-rooms, camping parties, and similar groups of people of literary tastes rather above the average, that sketches bearing on prominent incidents in the history of this country are very popular. The field is limitless. Perry's victory, the hanging of Midshipman Spencer, and the death of Lieutenant Somers are notable naval subjects; The death of General Canby, our war with France, and the various Indian campaigns would prove fertile subjects in good hands. There are also many incidents in our political history which would attract great interest, such as the compact with France in the purchase of Louisiana, and the attempt to invade Mexico at the close of the civil war. A full account of the Union Pacific R.R. steal giving the names of the patriotic gentlemen enriched thereby (notably General Dix) would be very interesting to the younger generation; also an article giving the true history of the partition of Virginia, certainly one of the most infamous acts of a period replete with such measures.

I would suggest also that you issue with each number of McClure's a carefully prepared engraving, designed as an illustration for a popular work of fiction; possibly it would be well to issue a series of such. Many people buy their literature unbound for the sake of having uniform bindings in their libraries. Your series of illustrations would be inserted when the books are bound.

very truly,

