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My dear Mr. Guilds

Yours of the 9th has just come to hand. I had given you up as a correspondent. Your great volume of poems reached me a few days since - Many thanks - I like especially "The Post of Honour" and am delighted to find some of my old favourites in the collection - poems which I had admired without knowing they were yours - or before knowing you, which is all the same.

I am surprised to hear that there is any need of haste, in regard to that publication. I thought that by next July, or August, the ~~earliest~~ earliest possible time when I can go east, would be time enough. But I know nothing about such things - I have done very little as yet in the way of revising and preparing, and it may be some time before I shall be able to do anything - My parents are both ill and have been alarmingly

so of late. All my time is given
to nursing - I have not written
a line for publication, for two months
yet I hope for better times soon.
I have thought of no other title
than the one I suggested - I
think it will answer. - The
materials for the work are principally
preserved in scrap-books, which
might I suppose be sent by
Express. - I would have as a
second title, A collection of the
Letters and Sketches of G. G.

Now mind, unless you think
there is a fair prospect of the book
selling, well, I won't bring it
out, - for the mere name of having
published a book, I would not
"be such a Dombey" as to "make
an effort." - I think I should
like to sell the copyright for a num-
ber of years, - but about all these
things I am as green as grass
can be - I fear what material
I have would make too large a
work - but what to leave out and
how to arrange I cannot very
well tell, until I see you. Perhaps
I may be in Boston by the last

of June, or first of July - won't
that do? - You don't want the book
out before the holidays, do you?

Will you send me by mail
Mrs. Osgood's letter about the Letters?
Pardon me for the trouble I give
you in various ways.

I don't believe you half-liked
my last letter. - I shall endeavor
to write very proper, serious,
business letters in future.

My kind regards to Mr. Cushman
whom you write to or see him.
Friendly remembrances to Fhipple
and Gibbs. - Let me hear from
you as soon as convenient.

Very sincerely yours

Saml J. Clarke.

P. S.

What do you think of having
a "picture" in the collection? There
is one by Osgood, in Willis' paper
with languishing eyes and ringlets,
which would take, I think.

S. J. C.



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