

Private

St. John's Nov 25/58.

My dear W. Linn

You will see, on consideration,
that I cannot print your note as it
stands - referring to other trials & other journals.
So must ought we to go beyond the
words; & while I tell you privately that I
am unaware of the circumstances to which
you make allusion, I think the Atheneum
right in refraining from any notice to
discussion carried on elsewhere. If you can

show that Mr. Ovenson was not the author of
the air now sung to King O. Lane (the
point raised by my correspondent) I will very
willingly print your indication from the
charge of "appropriating" that air. But you
must not ask me to revive old discussions
I refer to files of newspapers. The columns of the
Literary Digest are a free soil, in which all literary
views may be heard - whenever they wish to appeal
to the literary public. Another correspondent claims a
right of election, - if you can answer both next week
should you think proper

Ever faithfully yours
Hephworth Dixon