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"Idolatry"

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James R. Osgood &c. Publishers Boston
Dear Sirs

The mountain which has been
in labor any time the last year, has at
last been heavily delivered - of something
better than a mouse, I hope. You will
be encouraged to hear that the MS. has
been submitted to Mrs. Grenville-Murray -
(the author of "Maurier for Paris, and a reviewer
on the staff of the "Pall-Mall") and he has
given his opinion that "it will create a great
sensation - as great and as lasting as did "The
Scarlet Letter"; it is a book that will go into
the language." And he has promised to
review it as soon as it appears in England.

A copy has still to be made for the English
press, which will take about 10 days to complete.
I will then send you the book by Air-mail
in separate enclosures of about 50 rs. each.
Mr. King will begin to print the proofs at once
and after correction will forward them to you.
His edition would probably be ready about
a fortnight before yours could be; which

of course will be an advantage for you, as you
will have earlier reviews to quote so much
the earlier.

If this arrangement be ~~not~~ agreeable to
you, you might write advising Mr. Knopf
to that effect, &c.

I shall write you again by the same post
which carries the book. Mean while I remain

Very sincerely yours
Julian Hawthorne.