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Washington, D.C.

My dear Walsh,

It is

hard to understand
that more than a -
month-and-a-half
have elapsed since
the date of your letter,
and it is still un-
answered. No excus-
es - just try to forgive
without any. And if
you don't succeed in for-
giving take it out o' me

in curri-

I note your criticism
of the covers of my book.
I left all that to an
artist friend - Scheffauer
- and am well enough
satisfied with his work.

You ask the names of
his book and Starling's.
"Of Both Worlds" and "The
Testimony of the Sun", re-
spectively. The former is
published by A. M. Robert-
son, the latter by W. E.
Wood, both of San Fran-
cisco.

O, I know all the squir-
rels in Central Park. "When
I come" I'll introduce

you to several of them that
will take nuts, not only from
my hand, but from my
coat-pocket, and one that
will eat them while sitting
on my knee — unless,
alas, they have passed a-
way.

How is Mrs. Walsh, and
do you continue to prefer
her to other girls? And the
pretty sister? I dare say
she has forgotten that I am
still devoted to her.

When you come to Wash-
ington don't forget to look
me up. Doubtless you
will come as a Represent-
ative from the Mahwah
district.

Sincerely yours,
Amelia Bierce.

Jan. 21, 1904,