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TO JOSEPH S. FORD

Dear Ford,

My letter went off to
Latham Sunday night, so I
suppose he got both of them

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about the same time—as
we arranged it I[t] prob-
ably tickled him more or less
to read them—particularly
mine, for my handwriting, I
am told, is sure to be good
for two shirts at any Chinese
laundry. I say this for your
benefit for some day you may
be hard up and in need of
fresh linen

I got my fiddle to day
and shall soon be making
strange noises. I cant
hold the thing very well yet

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and this morning I burned
the end of my left third
finger, so it will be a
little awkward at first
But I'll be a maestro
so [=or] something of that kind in
two or three weeks, and when
you come to see me again
I'll entertain you with a
kind of music you never
heard before.—I sup-
pose you are by this time
well into Jack¹ and I am
confident that you will like
it. The first chapters

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are a little slow and not

altogether pleasing. But that
is only for a few pages.
Give my regards to Hubbell
when you see him
Very truly yours
E.A. Robinson

Gardiner Maine
21 December, 1895.

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sents his compliments, and regrets that he is
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offered.”

NOTES

1. Novel by Alphonse Daudet, 1876. See EAR’s letters to Harry de Forest Smith for March 4, 1894 and April 28, 1895.