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Saturday Evening Post

My Dear Sir,

I send you by this mail my third article - The Influence of American Diplomacy on International Law - which completes my original engagement with you.

I have not as yet replied to your request that I should give you my articles instead of three, as I desired that you should have the three articles promised first. As you have not yet begun to publish my articles, I suppose I shall not be pressed for time in which to prepare the further articles desired. I rather enjoy the work, the only question being to find the time to prepare the articles, as they usually require some research to make sure of accuracies.

I have been thinking that perhaps an article on our diplomatic relations with China would be timely. I can weave into it a sketch of some interesting personages, as Caleb Cushing, David Pickers, Burlingame, Gen. Grant and Li Tung Chang; and if desired might furnish an original illustration or photograph.
I have also thought of an article on the presentation of American Ministers at foreign courts, with personal experiences and anecdotes of various distinguished Americans and foreign sovereigns. Another is on the diplomatic uniform or court costume, a subject which has been much discussed with anecdotes of Franklin, Buchanan, James Russell Lowell, etc., or some misfortunes or strange mishaps of American ministers abroad. My effort would be to give you something in a lighter vein than the first and third of the articles already prepared. If you have any suggestions as to topics, I should be glad to receive them.

Very truly,

John W. Foster.