to finish it. The title page was in itself a marvel of simplicity & originality - It indicated the whole character of the book. Of course it was to be anonymous. The title page was

"Brown,

"a Novel."

That was the whole of it. You know Brown - Brown the fat, Brown the Sexton, Brown the Undertaker of the feasts, the Pompes Funèbres, the weddings and the Christenings - Mrs —— o Brown; every body's Brown - The man who lets you into good society or not at his will. Having told you this I need say no more - The characters were to be of course of the best set & the dresses & champaigne corresponding. I'm sorry I didnt finish it.

I have been expecting an elegant French letter from Totts in acknowledgment of Miss Cecilia Riggs' monograms - Please to tell her that I may possibly go away from here in a couple of weeks and I should like to have it at once - I have a few more also for her - likewise some postage stamps for Leon &, what he has not commenced to keep yet a lot of official seals of various countries.

Alfred has been brevetted a Major General in the regular army - It would be the more gratifying if they had not made them so plenty - A solid Colonelcy would be worth a dozen brevets.