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The Ridge
Dover Plains, N. Y.
June 21, 1876

Dear Col. Etting:

Thanks for your
kind letter received yesterday.

I hope to be in Philadelphia
a week from tomorrow evening. At
the beginning of the week I have^{to} attend
a meeting of the Board of Trustees
of Vassar College, at Poughkeepsie
and shall go from there to your
city. Mrs. Loring will accom-
pany me, and we shall be guests
of Mr. Drees, 1520 Spruce St.

Gen. Lew. Wallace, of Andover,
is in Philadelphia. He is the
author of a remarkable historical
novel - scene in ancient Mexico -
called The Fair God. I thought
you might desire to invite him

to the meeting of the "authors
and antiquaries" at the Penn
club. You know him, personally,
probably, as he was in command
in Baltimore, in 1854. If
note would reach him at 414
South Broad St., Philadelphia

Yours very truly

Benjamin J. Lossing

Col. Frank M. Etting

I hope Col. Mayer has arrived
and in Philadelphia. If so,
give my kind regards to him, I
have been so "punctured" at my
desk, that I have neglected to answer
his last kind letter.