

Andover Mass.
October 26, 1872

Dear Mr. Osgood:

Please look
over the MSS. I send herewith,
and see if it strikes you as
available for publication
by itself, or as "new material"
for Collected magazine stories.
I was about to send it
to a New York magazine
- it being all I have on
hand to meet grousing
offers from three or four
trading periodicals, which I
think would feel more
interest in it than the

Of the business success of collected stories,
of course, one should not wish to mix it
unless you should accidentally advertise it.

Atlantic - but hesitate,
thinking it may be that
some other man will be
better for it. It has been
my hope to rewrite and
extend it a little; but
that is entirely forbidden
me this Autumn. Is it
of any value in its
present compass?

Please tell me what
you think of it, at an early
day. I will have it
returned by Express, gratis,
if - no, I will have it
at in any event, if I
may so far trouble you.
I shall be in town to
spread the country and shall

hope soon to see you both on
some other business.

Yrs. truly,

E. J. Phelps.

Of course the advisability of saving it for new
material will depend entirely upon the advisability
of issuing any more reprinted magazine stories.
I have thought for a long time, and in my mind they
are some of the best I have written; they come
from Atlantic's readers, and I have written them
before they were ever published. I have written them
under the title of "Summer Stories" in 1874
and 1875. I have written them in the same
series out in the same
year - about 1874