

John Leech.

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32 Brunswick Sq
Thursday.

My dear Yates

I was obliged to go out
of town on Monday, and
until this morning I have
had no opportunity of
reading your papers. They
seem to me to be
very little doubt as to
their affording plenty
of scope for illustration,
but I find on looking
over my engagements
already entered into,
that I could not under-
take this fresh work
for some months to

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come, at least I could
not see about the
drawing, and I imagine
your wish to be speedily
publication. Under
these circumstances
Pray don't hesitate to
apply to some other
"party" particularly, as
I don't quite see my
way in the wrapper,
upon which, if I recollect
you attach a good deal
of importance. I should
by no means to do it so
well as many other
artists would.

Yours very sincerely
Edmund Yates & John Leech

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Charles Mackay F.R.S.

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Office, 198, Strand, Nov. 29 1854

My dear Sir,

If you have an idea
for Christmas, write I send
it without delay. - I have
no management of it myself
but if sent to me, I will
forward it to the proper
Quarter. - I am sorry to
return you "Three Watchwords"
but we have already two poems
in type - which I am afraid is
one more than we can use.

Ever yours truly
Chas Mackay

E. W. Yates Esq

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