

Hyde Park May 23/72.

Dear Frank-

You will see by this letter on which I write that the Riverside Press have not accepted my story - I am scarcely disappointed for I feel bitterly the truth of what is said. "The public is worse than indifferent to the subjects treated in your book" - It is indeed the history of a quadroon who married a planter - well I will take the sage quaker's advice "Do your best & leave the rest"

Will you be so kind as to take the man home & keep it for me till I come to see you.

With love to all your household & thanks for your good wishes

Yours affectionately. S. M. G.

(Sarah M. Grimké)

public just when it is in the right
mood. In the case of your book, our
opinion is that the public are worse
than indifferent to the subjects treated
in it; we could not hope to persuade
people to buy it, and probably its very
faithfulness to fact would render it
more unsalable -

We are, with much respect

Yours obt. sots

J. O. Houghton & Co.

Will you kindly inform Mr. Frank Garrison
how you would like the ms returned.

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and is in direct communication with every telegraph office in the country.

Riverside, Cambridge, Mass.

22 May 1872

Miss Sarah H. Grintke

26 Dear Madam: We have examined
the ms which you kindly sent us by
our Mr. Garrison, with the wish that
it might prove expedient to publish it.
But we cannot convince ourselves that
it would be a safe venture for us, or
ask you to take the risk. There are
many books published now a days,
by no means so well worth using,
but they do not all succeed, and
of those that do owe their success
frequently to some fortuitous cir-
cumstance: they happen to fall in
with the current taste, or catch the

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