

Co. is "The Federal Judge," a novel by Charles K. Lush. This is a neat 16 mo. volume of 355 pages. Its author apparently knows United States law and something of large corporations, besides being a fisherman and an entomologist. Elliot Gardwell, a man with a double life, and the president of a great railroad, is at once the hero and the villain of the story. By pretended zeal in the collection of butterflies and a genuine love of fishing, he wins the heart of obstinate and incorruptible circuit judge Tracy Dunn, who has a broken-hearted wife, ever mourning for a son whom the unforgiving father has turned out of doors, and a lovely daughter. Gardwell so manipulates matters that Tracy Dunn, who abominates all trusts and corporations, is made a federal judge, and, being won over by much flattery and attention, involuntary makes illegal decisions favourable to the railway company. A young lawyer of Boverville, the judge's original residence, who becomes a Populist member of Congress, is a competitor with Gardwell for the hand of Harriet Dunn, and eventually marries her, when his rival's evil-doing is found out, and he brings home the missing son. Gardwell overworks himself, and dies suddenly of angina pectoris, while his deserted wife, all unconscious that he is her husband, is waiting to interview him. Many other characters are introduced, all of whom are well described. The story is no doubt true to life, as it is interesting enough to while away a hour or two. The moral of the whole, and a valuable one it is, lies in the Judge's change of base towards corporations, a change effected by the new environment into which Gardwell skilfully entrapped him. Hence the author's motto from "Measure for Measure :"

"If he had been as you, and you as he,
You would have slipp'd like him."

Censorious people will do well to think over this.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Campbell". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned at the bottom of the page, below the main text and the motto.