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My dear Sir Arthur :-

If by any chance you read the first page of this morning's Gazette, you will no doubt have been struck with the, somewhat, erratic intellectual gyrations and gymnastics indulged in by our friend, Hebert Smith. Whatever opinion you may have with respect to his utterances in the London Times, I think you will agree with me, that it is most unfortunate that he could not refrain from offering to the English public, through the columns of the London Times, a gratuitous insult to the men with whom he sits around the board, and whose bread he eats. Personally, I look upon it as "not playing cricket", and even disloyalty. You may not know; he does not know, but most of what I call the "down-town" members of our Faculty know, that I have steadfastly fought in Smith's defence almost ever since his advent here. I tell you now, that he is heartily detested by most of the members of our Faculty. I thought that I had matters smoothed