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Dear Sir

I have prepared for the N. A. Review an article on the origin of the Italian language in the form of a review of Cantù's *Opuscolo Dimenticatoio sulla Origine della Lingua Italiana*. There remains but about ten pages of note paper to copy, and I have no doubt it will be ready to send off before the first of January. I have no better reason for my long delay than numerous cares, sorrows and interruptions, and I fear I must add an indolent preference for easy work, such as is required for the articles I prepare for the Nation & other periodicals. I suppose this article will make 30 pp of the Review. Of course one might disagree on the subject. Inevitably enough at greater length but I suppose I have written as much as anybody will care to read. — So it true, as I have been more than once told, that the Nation is in danger of stoppage for want of patronage? Oh so, what a disgrace