

Tamworth N. H. July 30, 1905

My dear Miss Tarbell

Your letter ought to have been answered earlier; but I have been considerably perplexed lately and in no mood for letter writing.

And now I am sorry to be obliged to say that I am suffering from an obstinate attack of Lazine and aimlessness.

I have pretty nearly agreed to write something during my vacation, for Harper's Weekly. If I can pull myself together sufficiently to do that I shall be glad. In my event I <sup>not</sup> ~~ought~~ to undertake anything else.

Yours truly  
Miss Ida M. Tarbell

Yours very truly  
Hester Thoburn