My dear Miss Tarbell:—

I have been back on the job almost two weeks and have never been better. Besides trying to get my deck cleaned myself and adjust numerous problems that had arisen during my absence, I have been trying to put across what I considered a very constructive piece of work.

We are trying to take care of men reemployed by rotating work, those have from one to two or four days a week, and where a family is in need care and receiving orders on the Commission for $57.75.
$10 or $12 according to size of family

The Common Council limits this to the kind of food they can buy, and my H.E. teachers have made budgets according to how many calories needed, how many families can live and be nourished on the amount of money allotted. We give cost and quantity of material, measure, and recipe, and are trying to teach these women how to plan their meals, and what to buy as to make money go as far as possible. We found so many women never gave thought to their meals but where they got the store checks. Bought flour, meal, and spent the rest for best cuts of steak, pork,
en of most expensive coffee and tea. The money did not last more than a couple of days. We are demonstrating every day to groups of from 25 to 120 women, and have reached women we have not been able to get to our cooking classes before. The company also gives orders for fuel. They hope to get a certain 8 9 of the money back when the men are working every day, but it is charged to the separate account and may eventually be charged if the books are not kept up. But that will be decided later. Rent is charged at the rate of 83 per day when a man is working but when there is no work he pays no rent, and it is used to be charged to him.
Clothes and shoes are our biggest problem. I sent out an SOS to all officials and retailers in the Co. to give me their old clothes and I have had a splendid response. I am dividing it out to the different towns. The main clothes and underclothes that can be patched is given to new and older boys. The rest is cut over for children's garments. We are having the women rip and wash materials and bring to Community House, and we share the lace to make the patterns, cut and make our garments, and at present we are doing a big business. I have been able to interest the women, so we are keeping materials and clothing. We are teaching...
The women, especially colored, to make toys for their children for kites, bird zold toppers and stuffed dolls and dress them.

We have put some of the little girls to work making toys out of old boxes. The little girls of the village, when I have never had a worker, asked me to send some one there to conduct classes for the women in planning meals, cooking, and making garments. I have opened up a Community room temporarily in each of these places and shall conduct classes three times a week as long as there is a demand.

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Miss Isbell, words cannot
express to you how much good
it did me to see you and to
have a heart to heart talk. Dear—
afraid I must have bored you dreadfully; but you were a good listener, and so symp.
thetic. It was so kind of you to entertain me at the Natural Art Club, and I do thoroughly enjoyed being with you. I want to think of it again for the interesting eating at Green Pasture, and your most generous hospitality. I hope you will let me return it in Birmingham soon for I am looking forward to a visit from you at some time in the near future. I do wish you could arrange to come by Bir-
imingham either coming or going on your trip this winter. If you were here now I could take you on some
lovely drive where you could see seven lovely coloring than I have ever seen in the East. Such brilliant, dazzling coloring is most unusual except that this fall the Gods have favored Alabama, and all the different trees and shrubbery seem to have vied with each other in glorious coloring, and have quite outdone themselves, for the roads are ablaze of glory.

I did not realize how tired I was until I reached Atlantic City, and let down. I went to bed as soon as I had dinner and stayed there until dinner time Monday evening. We had a very interesting and inspiring conference. Departed Atlantic City after the Conference but it seemed only a few days.
I spent a night and day with a friend in Baltimore, and a couple of days with friends in Washington. My dearest girl and school friend met me in Washington. I had not seen her since I was 15 yrs. old. She is married and living in Petersburg, Va., and has two grown sons. We motored to Norfolk and got her sister from who is a Christian Science healer and the three of us motored in Virginia for one week making our headquarters at Isabella's home in Petersburg whenever convenient. We had such a good time and were as good friends as the 3 or 4 we had then in school. Although our interests differ, yet we had much in common. The girls are connected
with many of the old Virginia families I had known after living in Virginia thoroughly. I saw many of the lovely old Virginia houses, interior of well appointed and places of historical interest. I visited Randolph-Macon, Glencoe and Mary, and Hampton Institute. It was a very interesting and instructive motor trip and one I shall long remember.

By the way, did you receive the flowers I asked Missium ready to order for me? I didn't have a card and asked her to write one for me.

Do you remember Mr. FRIENDS who gave me informa-
tee for your when you were here? She was a charming
swedish woman, and the
and her husband are among the outstanding intellectual people in Birmingham. She has T.B. and is leaving this week for Arizona or Idaho. New Mexico. She has a friend in New York who is there on a fellowship studying the sociological and psychological conditions in America. Her name is Mrs. Fogelkow Norland. Her husband when alive was Prof. in University of Sweden and wrote a non-fiction book. According to the family, this Mrs. Norland is a distinguished woman in Sweden and a writer. She belongs to one of the old aristocratic families of Sweden who own a beautiful old castle.
Mrs. Fries is very anxious for Mrs. Northcutt to meet you. She asked me to give her a card of introduction to you which I did. I thought possibly you might enjoy visiting the city she is in. She tried claiming she is stopping at International House. I believe.

Please pardon mistakes. My eyes are about worn out to sight.

And I am writing very rapidly.

With best wishes,

Affectionately

Vincent Hallin

Upt D. 6 Highland Plaza, Birmingham Ala.

Nov. 16, 1905
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