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Dear Gertrude Brown:

It is wonderful to have so warm-hearted a letter from a friend as this of yours about "All in the Day's Work." You and Mr. Brown were all always so appreciative of anything I do - quite beyond my deserts - but of course I am as pleased as Punch that you like this book. You might have liked it better if I had put in that story you told me about your experience in the Orient on the night when a distracted American could not make his bell boy understand what he wanted and went down the hall crying, "Page Ida Tarbell." I almost believe I know who that man was. He made me very angry by telling me once after a lecture that I must have Hebrew blood because I talked with my hands. That was on my Western Chautauqua Circuit.

But my dear you should not have emphasized your appreciation by so beautiful a gift as this lovely kimona. I am so pleased and proud. You have already been keeping me in kimonas for a number of years. The black one has been a treasure and is still in the running.

The white one I keep packed away except when I make a grand visit or go to a sanitarium. This one will give me pleasure all the rest of my life I know. Thank you so much.

Of course I shall be delighted to autograph "All in the Day's Work," either at the Club or here as is more convenient for you.

Thanking you again for all your kindness, believe me

Affectionately yours