

Settlement School  
Hindman, Ky.

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My dear Miss Tarball:

For a week I have been wanting to write and tell you how delighted I was with your Introduction to my booklet - It satisfied me in every way, and I feel that it will be a great help to the book and also to our work - You seem to understand the mountain problem thoroughly - and to have a true insight into the needs - We are all so pleased with what

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you say that we are most  
eager to have you here  
for a visit, at an early  
day - and we only wish  
that we could persuade  
you to come out this  
fall - Can you not get  
away from the rush of  
things there in that terrible  
New York, and step back  
with us for a while into  
a bygone Century? I should  
like so much for you to  
know this Country before  
the inevitable change  
arrives, as it must do  
soon with the coming  
of the railroads -

If at any time you do find it possible to come this way, please remember that a standing invitation and a warm welcome await you, and that I shall count it a great happiness and privilege to take you about - and show you the homes and the people -

I took the liberty of changing two words in your introduction, "huts" to "homes", and "ignorance" to "lack of knowledge", knowing as I do that these words are especially obnoxious to the mountain people who are highly sensitive - everything else was perfect -  
 With sincerest gratitude and the hope of seeing you here some day, Cordially yours,  
 Lucy Thurman

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