

May 12, 1933.

My dear Mr. Burton:

Some time ago in talking over the scheme for the articles that you have already published in the *Cosmopolitan* under the head of *The American Plan*, I spoke to you of Josephine Roche the only woman in the country that I know of who has taken over a sizeable business - a \$11,000,000.00 Coal Company - established co-operative relations with her labor - beaten interfering bankers and politicians to it and kept her concern out of the red in these troublesome times.

It is really a great story of struggle and victory, that is victory up to date. There are still troubles ahead of Miss Roche and all of those she has refused to knuckle to are watching for weak places in her financial set-up as well as slips in her management, for now she is General Manager of the Company.

You thought when we talked of it that you would like an article. Do you still think so? I would not attempt to write it without going out to Colorado to look the field over. Will you not tell me if you want such a story for the *Cosmopolitan*? I, of course, must place it before I go to the expense of the trip.

The *Cosmopolitan* not only holds up but improves. You are making a better and better magazine it seems to me.

Faithfully yours

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