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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you for your letter. The magazine in question is the Reader's Digest, and the subject is "The Most Unforgettable Character I Ever Knew." The article is definitely ordered on the basis of a short outline, although if by some chance the editor should find the finished article unavailable for one reason or another, he reserves the right to pay not fifteen hundred dollars for it but three hundred. But I must tell you that this has not happened once so far in our dealings; the outlines have been submitted and the articles ordered and published, with everything to everyone's complete satisfaction.

The outline, really, is to make sure that there will be no conflict with anything else the magazine has scheduled. No more than four or five paragraphs are necessary, giving a very brief idea of the person of whom you would like to write, his station in life, the things that most notably characterized him. He may be living or dead, but I have found that "most admirable" is really a better description of what the editor prefers than "most unforgettable." Also, he seems to incline to people in very modest circumstances. Perhaps you would like to see some of the articles that have appeared, so I am enclosing them herewith. I do hope that you will be inclined to do it!

Sincerely yours,



Miss Ida M. Tarbell