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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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Dear Miss Tarbell,

Your favor of the 4th inst. was duly received. In regard to the property rights of married women in Pennsylvania, I think you will find what you want in Martindale's American Law Directory for the year 1909. This book undertakes to give a brief digest of the laws of all the states. You will find a brief statement of the law regarding the property of married women on page 757 of part third of the book. I think the book is published in New York. The offices are at 397 Broadway.

This directory has some law firm in each of the states prepare a brief digest of the laws for this work, and they are revised from year to year. The firm which prepared the digest of the laws for Pennsylvania as contained in the above directory is a Pittsburgh firm of good standing, and I think you will find the law as stated therein correct. This book will also give you the law in other states, if you are interested to that extent.

You will find nothing in this digest regarding the right which a married woman has to her children ^{or their} ~~and to~~ control them. I am going to ask a student we have here in the office to prepare a little brief on this subject, and it will be forwarded to you as soon as he has time to make it up.

Edith and I returned Saturday morning last after almost a week East and I am glad to say that Edith was much improved by her trip.

Yours truly, *James W. Kinnear*

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