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# Letter: A.H. Wilde to Ida M. Tarbell, January 26, 1916

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

New York City, 381-4th Ave.

Dear Madam:

In a recent number of the Country Gentleman, published by the Curtis Co. I have seen an editorial commenting upon your address before the Pennsylvania State Educational Association on the high school training of girls. You may have seen the editorial and have noted its criticism of your position.

Permit me to say that I fully agree with your statements and that such a paper as the Country Gentleman, published in the interest of farmers, ought to have known better than to write in such a vein. The editorials of the Curtis periodicals are the weakest part of them.

I am so much interested in your address that I wish to ask if it is in printed form at present, or will be? I desire two copies of it, if they can be secured- one for our University library for my students in education, and the other for myself.

Not long since I made in class the very point that you mention: that women are the chief purchasers of all household goods, for all members of the family, and that they should have attaining to fit them for this function; that the economic training of men and their greater efficiency in all kinds of mechanical work must be matched by the right training of young women for husbanding the resources of the family; that financial advancement of the family related to (1) greater earning capacity of the husband, (2) greater economic capacity of the wife for saving produced capital.

Will you kindly inform me where copies of the address may be had?

Yours very truly

*Arthur W. ...*

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