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## Letter: Edna Yost to Ida M. Tarbell, May 13

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Thursday - May 13

Bernington - Vt.

Dear Mrs. Farbell -

Stokes has just sent me <sup>copy</sup> the material  
you sent them and I am at a complete loss to know  
how to say what I most like to say. The main  
thing is that I can only hope you suffered no bad  
effects from the sustained effort which I am sure your  
doctor and your sister know you should not have made.  
You do not - ever - need to tell me you enjoyed the  
work. A woman like you could not help getting  
pleasure out of other women's achievements of the caliber of  
my twelve. My radio half hour was sheer joy - just  
being able to talk about them. Somehow I feel this  
book is going to do its job and do it well. Over  
a period of years it really should come into every  
high school library in the country and that means  
every girl who wants to will have opportunity to read it.  
The Stokes Young Peoples list does just that. Sales  
go on year after year. What I like about your write-up  
is that it takes you pointed these women of science are  
interesting for adults, too. That end is - or will be -  
harder to push because usually no attempt is made  
to sell for adults. But Mrs. Fish sees this book somewhat  
as an exception in that respect and her letter this morning

says they "are thinking how best to use this waste-up" -  
yours. Marion Clyde McConnell interviewed me while  
I was in New York. She is now with Kings Features  
Syndicate and is doing an illustrated story that will  
have wide publication. You probably know her name -  
and may know her. She's an old - and successful -  
hand at the newspaper feature game.

Of course these books in Young People lists  
get no attention from the usual reviewers. It's a  
completely different kind of attention they get - <sup>from</sup> the  
Baptists and the Methodists, and the Detroit and Library  
journal and reading lists and so on. Mrs. Park seems  
to think we are off to a good start. Never any  
real money in it - but enough to make a year's  
work worth while eventually when you don't have any  
fancy ideas about money, and I was now able to  
acquire any fancy ideas.

I could talk and talk & I could only see you.  
Take care of yourself and don't turn out any more  
long jobs till you're at least permitted a secretary again.  
I brought a bug back from New York and am having  
the usual serious flare-up with it - which, these days &  
rain and more rain do not help. I'm thinking a bit  
seriously of giving myself 6 or 8 months in New Mexico or  
Arizona - beginning in the fall. This damp spring seems to have undone  
the good effects of the cold-dry winter. Love to you always -  
Edna