Dear Mr. Tarbell,

For a long time I have wished to talk to someone about my son. After reading your article in This Week magazine, I feel that you are the one person that could advise me, and, if you will be so kind, I will greatly appreciate it.

I am hesitating, I don’t seem to have the courage, yet I must help him if I can. As a mother I am helpless.

Four years ago this young man was badly burned about his feet, hands and the cartilage torn off his ear. For a time the doctors did not think they could save his life. I am very thankful to be able to write he is in very good health and working, although scarred, some of them similar to those left by smallpox. When I suggest to our family...
physician that I give some of my skin or ears, he only laughed at me. I am serious, and while the young man has never complained his life is just beginning while I am over fifty years old. Do you think I have lived too long? Do you happen to know anything about such a skin condition or a specialist you could consult. This young man has a fine character and personality. Is an honor graduate from high school and I have letters and telegrams sent after the fire praising his courage and heroism. Please pardon my writing to you, I was so surprised by your article I felt it my duty and I do hope you can and will suggest some place or person we could go to for examination. And to thank you I'm L. Michaelson 6956 Alcott and Chicago 24.