My dear Miss Tarbell:—

The enclosures—the "separates" from the American Bar Association Journal which I hope you will do me the honor to read, the letter sheet of the Lincoln group of Boston and the editorial item which appeared to date in The Herald—are intended as credentials to indicate that for years I have been a serious Lincoln student.

I have just completed your "All in the Day's Work," and am delighted with its truthfulness and sincerity. They give me a good many historical works to read, and I am sorry I can have only about four hundred words to this autobiography.

When I came to your letter from Robert T. Lincoln at page 169 I sat back and thumbs my desk. Years ago Washington C. Ford told me about his inspection of those unformed documents, how he was satisfied they contain nothing of Lincoln's discrediting. They were almost literally communications from others. Confirmation of that idea is available. I have seen the locked cases in the library of Congress and stood at the files through the glass doors where a level with my eyes was a luckily not hearing the babel in the whisper—"For and against Cameron." You may have seen

now, as you know, Emanuel Kertz in the butchery

plus the 'Hidden Lincoln' told about the saving consumer
the flames of these documents by Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler. As it happens it was his first venture. Dr. Butler in certain places included in his book, with the result that Dr. Butler disavowed his "foreword" and Mr. Hertz terminated all relations with me. The Columbia President endorsed the volume without complete examination. His letters are in my files. As you know also, Dr. Butler recently in the Saturday Evening Post told the whole story of his reviving the library of thoseinceton papers. Now your great great great great grandidnold Lincoln I feel confident the opinion that, not Lincoln, but Lincoln's correspondent, men who wanted things with it, and advisers with all sorts of writing, are responsible for that mass of imperfect, material

One other matter; at page 170 you say: ... I think I was swindled in the case of the one document, a forgery by a man recommended to me by an honest scholar. He had used the manuscript for years. I write here to ask you two direct questions: Was the document the alleged Jesse Head marriage certificate of Tony and Nancy which you used in the magazine and novels in the book? Was the "swindler" really lector of Cleveland? And if you care to tell me who was the "honest scholar" I would be glad to know. None of these answers shall be printed or published.

Finally, I have investigated the matter mentioned at the bottom of page 170, examined the document Telek, with fibrous paper about it, and with the parties in the Kentucky Court house from which it came. I am under the impression that the University Library will lose it. Please send me your copy. And I shall be very glad to have a reply. Thank you for your book, faithfully yours,