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Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just completed the manuscript of a book, American Cross-Section, in the bibliography of which I have included your The Life of Abraham Lincoln, McClure, Phillips & Co., N. Y., 1902, though I have not quoted therefrom.

Another volume, from which I do wish to quote, is Northwestern Fights and Fighters, by Cyrus Townsend Brady. It, too, seems to have been published by The McClure Co., which must have had some connection with McClure, Phillips & Co., since another of Mr. Brady's books was published by the latter. In endeavoring to secure permission to quote from the Northwestern book, I have been unable to locate the McClure Co., who had the copyright in 1907.

I wondered if you could help me to locate the present holder of the copyright, if it still is in force. If you can give me any information on this, I shall be very grateful, particularly since final completion of my manuscript is now held up only by a few such details.

Thanking you for any attention to this, I am

Yours very truly,

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