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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Please forgive me for having postponed so long answering your very nice letter. It reached the office on a Saturday -- the day on which the copy for The News Review is written in one mad final rush and all amenities are neglected.

I should think that anything you would care to write for The News Review about your career would interest our readers very much. Personalities mean a great deal to them, just as they do to most of us, and they are particularly alive to any phase of the life of a notable person which might conceivably parallel their own existence. For this reason I think that if you were to tell us how you first became interested in biography, or perhaps if you wish to recount some episode of your own school days either here or in Paris, it would really have a great deal of significance for our readers. Or, for example, an account of some one of the many interesting experiences you must have had while doing your work on Lincoln would have the advantage of dealing with material with which a high school audience would be fairly familiar.

I am afraid that these suggestions are really rather inadequate, and I must content myself with assuring you that anything which you might care to write for us will, I know, be exactly what we want.

Sincerely yours,

Francis Gordon Strunsky

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