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(Postcard from Ida M. Tarbell
to her family, 1892)

5 Rue du Sommerard, Paris
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165T My Dear Family:

I have just rec'd Mother's letter of June 1. I can not tell you how it affects me. To think that things could have been so calm then, so terrifying now a week later. I still know no particulars of the disaster. The London papers have the fullest accounts and they are horrible. I have no idea whether you are burned out or not though from the reports I have had, I fancy there is a possibility that you have escaped. I do hope so. I am living on the one word Safe of your dispatch. If you are only uninjured nothing else matters. It will still be a week before I know the details. I try not to think of it at all. Work hard and go everywhere I have a chance. Last night we went to the Bois de Boulogne to see the cascades and lakes by moonlight. It was indescribably beautiful. Tomorrow (Saturday) we are going to Beauvais to spend Sunday. Mrs. Vincent has decided to stay with me another month - to the last of July when I shall leave Paris. It will be a great delight for she is so nice. I am very well, would be perfectly content were it not for this horrible worry. I feel better about Ella since I rec'd Mother's letter of this morning. If the excitement of the fire did not make her worse I shall be so thankful. Tell the children for Aunt Ida they must be very very good now and help Mama and grandma and everybody over the hard times. Oh! if I only knew how you all have come out of this! But I shall know before this reaches you and in the meantime I am going to keep busy and not lose my courage. Love to all, I.M.T.

Paris
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