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(Letter from Ida Tarbell
to her family. Beginning of letter
missing.)

166T I have written all the directions on one sheet so that you can send that part of the letter to her if you do not want to bother to copy it. Tell her to have no trembling at all about coming that she is sure to get on and have a good time. The best thing she can do on arriving is to give a few days to getting used to the town and then to learn French if she doesn't know it, but she can get on in art work without French, if she will. A great many do.

167T I am full of business getting ready to go off, have taken passage on the Amsterdam, sailing from Boulogne on May 30th. It is a little bit of a tub and will take 10 or 12 days over, so do not worry about my arrival. It took them 18 days once. But its cheap and as I make my living mainly by economy I took it. \$55.00. If we spend the summer getting across at least it won't cost me anything extra for board which is a consolation. I shall hurry through at N. Y. and try to get out of going to State College to see the V's and E's. I do not believe I can go but if they are all collected there perhaps I shall for 2 or 3 days. You may count on me for the last of June surely, I think.

168T Much obliged for hint about pink and blue waist. I am so economical I don't believe I can afford one. You might take up a family collection and have me one ready, it would save me disgracing the family if it has got so far in Titusville that one must have such a shirt to keep his position. They blossom here too, I'm getting very very little, but I can't help it. If you are ashamed of me when I get there I can stay in the house, or go to the farm. Can't write any more, am too busy. Will send you a postal before I sail and

Paris
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