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# Letter: F.R. Sites to Ida M. Tarbell, May 8, 1924

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New York, May 8, 1924.

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East 19th St.,  
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Judge Gary read your letter dated May 7th, and made several comments, which he will be glad to supplement in conversation on the first convenient occasion. The comments I am quoting below.

(1) Has he been given to that sort of thing (the hydro-plane ride)?  
"No, decidedly."

(2) The visit to the Brazilian manganese mine. "Will talk with Miss Tarbell."

(3) Does he play golf? "No".

(4) Does he go to the races? "Very seldom".

(5) How does he keep himself fit? "Some care in diet; eight hours sleep; walks considerably in open air on little farm."

(6) How has he done it in the past? "Habits have always been pretty good; born with strong constitution; early life on farm conducive to health and longevity."

In general answer to some of the above questions I would also refer you to the incidents related by, and comments of, some of the Wheaton friends, contained in the loose leaf volume of notes previously sent to you, particularly those by Mr. Charles B. Smith, concerning Judge Gary's ability as a wrestler and in other athletics; August Voigt, concerning his fondness for horses and rapid driving; and Mr. Will E. Gary, who mentions casually one of many hunting expeditions. Dan Compton, who went hunting a good deal with Judge Gary, is a rather uncommunicative individual, but one of his stories is quoted toward the end of Mr. Will Gary's memorandum dated May 16, 1923.

With kind regards,

Very truly yours,

*J. R. Sites*  
Secretary to Judge Gary.