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# Letter: John G. Benach to Ida M. Tarbell, September 2, 1931

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# The Gridiron

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241 Main Street,  
Rotterdam Junction, N.Y.,  
September 2, 1931.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East Nineteenth Street,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

In thanking you for that fine contribution to our LAURENTIAN I also want to ask pardon for troubling you so much about it, especially since I learned from the magazine publisher, Mr. Manley in Canton, that he was holding the first article and photo for me at his office. Since he said nothing about it in his previous letters, I naturally became a bit worried over it. Enclosed you will find the duplicate photo which you sent to me on August 27th.

Any words of a novitiate critic and editor like me can hardly mean much to an experienced writer, but I am so glad to tell you that the article you wrote for us was exactly the type that fits in with our new scheme of makeup. So many of the contributions we receive are merely "surface" stories, having no depth of feeling or interpretation, that whenever we are privileged to print a three-dimensional story like yours, it makes us so proud of our efforts at soliciting outside work that I guess we are inclined to take too much of the credit due the authors. However, I think you can understand how we appreciate your fine work, not to mention the new insight you have given us of a distinguished visitor's impressions of our university.

We trust that we shall be honored by another of your visits in the near future. Meanwhile, we are searching the periodical and radio programs for more of your work for our edification.

Very truly yours,  
*John G. Benack*