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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
Newcastle, Pa.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just received your letter of January 31 from Evansville. Curiously enough, at the same time, I have your's of January 26 and the itinerary which Mrs. Blair has just sent. The delay was due to illness in her family. You seem in mighty good spirits, in spite of the fact that your lost trunk hasn't turned up, and you had to be vaccinated to get out of Canada, and other little incidents of the lecturer's life.

Apropos of what you say about Lincoln in Spencer County, look at the February Atlantic which has an article about Lincoln's youth out of reminiscences of some relatives who went off into the Ozarks and hadn't been tapped for material. It is pretty much the same thing except for a few details, I imagine. However, the indignation in Spencer County because you haven't quite done justice to it as a series of Lincoln material, merely corroborates the scheme for a serial in The Footsteps of Lincoln.

I hope you are taking good care of yourself and will be able to dodge the flu on your zigzag journeys.

I am sorry you did not take that matter about the title for the School House article. I honestly think that a Factory School House is about as bad a title as you could have. I have a little pride of authorship in the one you rejected, "Education While You Work", which seems to me near enough, somewhat more interesting. Bellamy, who had more respect for the author's judgment than I have, seemed quite overwhelmed by your arguments. And I suppose it will go as you and he agreed. But I feel a little grouchy about it, as you perceive.

But this doesn't prevent me from sending you all the friendly good will possible, and a final warning that the flu bug has no regard for persons.

Always faithfully yours,

John S. Phillips