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Dear Mrs. White:

If somebody had sent me a hint card for Christmas I should not have been as pleased as I am by your letter of this morning accepting the little piece I was rash enough to submit to The New Yorker. Frankly, I did not think it would get by, but that it has, and that it has brought so friendly and so intelligent a letter, pleases me enormously.

Of course you are right about adjusting the first paragraph as to what my profession is. And do not be so sure, dear Mrs. White, that any reader seeing the signature would need no explanation. I am in better case to judge that than you are, but of course I appreciate the compliment it implies in what you say.

As to changes which you want to make in the proof I have no doubt they will improve the story. Looking it over now I am sure I can improve it myself. If you want me to take a try at it and are not in too much of a hurry I will do so, but I could hardly send it back before Christmas.

Thank you for saying that you would be glad to see other manuscripts from me. If I have anything that seems to me suitable for The New Yorker I shall be glad to submit it.

Thanking you again for your kindly letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

Ida M. Tarbell

P.S. I forget to say that I consider the check for \$200.00 generous for what you get. I thank you.

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