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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Since writing you on Friday I have received a copy of the May Magazine and find that the very matter which Fisher desired eliminated and which I told him I believed strongly should remain in the article, has been stricken out. In all fairness, Miss Tarbell, does not this raise the question as to who is really the editor of The American Magazine? This & other parts of the article were approved by Phillips and then rejected by Fisher. In short, when you and I write in the future the editorial judgment to which we must ultimately submit, is not the fair, calm, thoughtful judgment of J. S. Phillips, (me)

but the manner judgment of Fisher & Hagen.
 In the article I am going to write now
 I find myself thinking of ~~the~~ what Fisher
 business men will say! and once they taste
 blood, they'll have us down to utter colorless-
 ness, utter mushiness. Everything will have
 to be smooth, sugary, inoffensive. Only
 so much of the truth may be told as
 will not offend these business men.
 It does not seem to me that Fane
 Phillips or I will find any attractions in
 that sort of manner. Miss Tarbell. I
 don't like it at all: and live no
 confidence I can continue to work
 under such conditions. To rather be
 free-lance, even though I could not
 begin to make as much money.

Your sincere but troubled friend,

R. B.