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Miss L. B. Pollock,
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My dear Miss Pollock:

Of course I remember you, your connection with the Washington work, and my meetings with you since in Cleveland; and I am glad that you took me at my word, given so long ago, and have written me freely.

From your letter I should say that you were right in thinking that you could make your way in New York. You seem already to have done it.

I wish I could help you to place yourself, but, as a matter of fact, I have no editorial connections now with any magazine anywhere, and it has been so long since I have had - eight years - that I should be at a loss to tell you any particular place to go.

My own judgment in such a case as this is that you must batter at the door of the office where you would like to find a steady connection until they give you a trial. The best way to convince them of course is with the work that you actually do, and have done.

Practically all fresh connections made by magazines are made with people that the editor has learned, by actual study of work submitted, understand his problems and his aims. It is difficult to break into a magazine staff in any other way, for the reason that there are always people in lower positions that are ambitious to rise and that of course should have the first chance.

I do not say that by going from door to door asking for work you might not fall into a position. You would get a hearing, I am sure, on your record of work done, your experience and connections; but you have to remember how few the positions are in comparison with the applications in a city like New York.

I am afraid you will have to do as you have always done.

anybody. Believe me, if I could direct you or help you, give you any information beyond what you already have, I should be glad to do it; but I do not see how I can help you, dear Miss Pollock. It is one of those cases where it is up to you. You have been working in the journalistic field for a number of years now and writing in various ways and you will have to use your experience to get on.

If, when you come down to New York, you would like to talk with me of course I should be glad to arrange to see you; and if we can hit on anything definite, where I might help, I should be glad, but from this distance I see nothing that I can do. I am sorry enough but of course I am glad that you have confidence enough in me to write me.

Sincerely yours,

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