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Dear Miss Tarbell--

It took a big brave Woman to write that Liquor-Civil War article in Liberty. Abuse you will get aplenty, hence this letter as an offset of at least one. Usually ten foes roast where one friend praises, as of course you have long known, as your experience with the ink public is as long as mine. Think of it, thirty years ago on McClures, and my own work, like yours, began before that. But this personal step off the trail matters neither here nor there--Back to the story:--

In August Forum, so they wrote me, they will perhaps quote me for a few lines about this same matter. I gave them something too strong for type at present, so I am curious just what ones they will use. My geographic position here gives me more than the usual proportion of such combing those in "Whose Who", so as to scatter over the country, doubtlessly.

To them I said that the basic was not Prohibiton, if it were not Prohibition it would be something else. The cancer is deeper, Prohibition is not the disease, only the symptom of the revival of the Spanish Inquisition in America. And under even this is the real fact--That mixing races makes mongrels, and that the trouble today is in the people themselves, for the American people today, in both private and public life, are as immoral and currupt as the Romans were under Nero. And for exactly the same reason, mixed race-bloods, too much wealth, no equal foe on the frontier. And of course the result must be the same. I never let sentiment interfere with my reasoning, observation, nor judgements.

As to the cure, it is simple. War, yes, but not the Civil one you mention, but from over the frontiers. And for exactly the same reason

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