Happy Hollow Farm
April the fifteenth
1916

My dear Miss Tarbell—

I am giving you a bit of my problem and asking you for a bit of advice, all the time knowing only too well that a woman in your position with your big understanding and strength must have more such things put to her

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than she has time and thought for.

For months I have gone round and round in a circle mentally; getting no where, until I feel something will snap inside me, if I do not find where I belong soon.

For ten years I have given all of my time, and every fiber of myself to my family and the

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making of this town
= with no outside
contacts whatever
= now I find myself
middle aged = with
perfect health - average
intelligence = with
the need for self
support = and no
training for any
work = With the
constant cry for
women workers, when
can we like me
fit ma[ss] =

You boy with us
who are of the very

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+ best of days = I have
thought of you every
day since you wrote
me = I love your
remarkable and
strength and ad
sure of your knowledge
= I am not putting
this question to you
as a fact = I have
only thought by
some chance, a
bit of enlightenment
might come = I
am so far away from
the real active work

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5 women are doing =
= out of touch with
the world really =
= I must plan now
for the coming year
ahead and the
way is not open then,
= I hope the re-
mainder of your
trip was not
arduous = and that
you will have time
to rest before your
other duties begin =
We are well, =
my family returned

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from their vesicles
rested and happy.
Our kindest love
to you.

Sincerely yours
Laura Leighton
Mrs W R. Leighton

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