

Palm Beach, Florida,
April 2, 1927.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
% McCall's Magazine,
236-250 West 37th St.,
New York City, N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

You will recall on your visit here last year that you had discussed with Mr. Mizner the writing of a memoir. It is now the purpose of several of his friends to publish his work as a surprise and a compliment to him, and I am sure they will all appreciate it if you would be kind enough to write a short biography of him over your signature, provided all the facts were furnished you within the next few weeks.

I recall Mr. Mizner remarking that you were the only one that he would care to have do this biography. We are trying as far as possible to really make this life work one of the most beautiful things that has ever been attempted of any living genius, and as we have already put in months of work collecting the necessary information, photographs, drawings, etc., I can't express to you how grateful we would be if you would consider assisting us at this time.

Inasmuch as you are the only one that I have ever heard discuss such a project with him, I take the liberty of addressing you now. Kindly address me care of Mr. Addison Mizner, Palm Beach.

Sincerely yours,

H. H. Smith