THE PEN AND BRUSH
16 EAST 10TH STREET
NEW YORK CITY

Thursday.

Dear Miss Tarbell,

Just arrived at the club for the afternoon meeting and Miss Comstock asked "where I was — at lunch?"

I dont know how I can ever explain my stupidity - I feel awfully about it!

When you spoke of the lunch "next Thursday" somehow or other my brain registered it as next week Thursday — the 16th. And I thought, "I'll get such and such a train" — and left the date

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in mind as "next Thursday — 16th."

It never occurred to me this morning that this was the day — I just came along on usual train to the meeting. You can imagine how I feel — and how furious I am at myself for being such a blockhead. No excuse for me at all! And I do so hate to "fall down" on a date or disappoint people!

I wanted to write at once so you will get my apology before you leave in the morning; but the room is full (and noisy) so if this sounds a disjointed letter please forgive it. I am so sorry about not getting here for the lunch today!

Best wishes for a pleasant trip. We shall miss you as always when you are away.

Affectionately
Elizabeth Payne

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