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My dear Miss Dobell,

I have just
had the pleasure of
reading your article
in the January Harper's,
and I cannot resist
writing to you, for I, too,
was born and lived
in that little oil town,
Kosciusville. I played
on those "plate and hills,"
and picked flowers, - arbutus,

in that same room.
I think that it was at
these same times your father
looked on took shop there, that
my father and uncle took
the Over Refinery up
Cherry Run.

Do you remember it?
Many many stories I
have been told about
"the early day on the Creek".
And the incidents you
mention, "cars sidetracked",
"crout"; "pressure brought
on buyers to cancel orders";
"oil that never reached
its destination" are
all household tales

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to me.

Reading your article brings
back memories of long ago,
when my father and uncle,
young men, were forced out
of the refining business by
John D. Rockefeller.

Your article thrilled me
through and through, as
my spirit yet cries out
in righteous indignation.

In my heart I bless you
for what you have written.
If I have tired you,
pardon me.

Yours truly,
Margaret Nelson Orr