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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
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Dear Ida Tarbell:

Saturday, on my return from Washington, and this morning, I tried to get you by telephone, but I was glad to learn that you were having a country Christmas, which I hope has been delightful in every way.

My first impulse on returning to town was to let you know the result, and the final conclusion, of my negotiations with Miss Helm and Mrs. Robert Lincoln. I had another delightful personal experience, and everyone is now agreed that Harper & Brothers shall publish the book. I brought home the manuscript with me and also the priceless originals for 28 illustrations.

All of which is another way of saying what I tried to tell you over the telephone, my thankfulness to you for writing me from Louisville about this extraordinary material. I shall always regard it as one of those kindly acts which make publishing much more than a business.

When I see you I should like to tell you many of the details and also of the pleasant experiences connected with my incursion into the Lincoln field.

In the meantime, the happiest of New Years to you.

Cordially as always,

William H. Briggs