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My dear Miss Tarbell;

In the effort to get publicity for our banquet, which will have so few news features, and to attract as much talk, and secure as large an attendance as possible, we shall have to work the papers in all sorts of ways. The "Times" will give us a Sunday page about , perhaps, "Authors as Actors" or some such theme. Would you be willing, therefore, to give us a little interview, which you will write yourself, upon your emotions or experience in posing for the moving picture camera, &c &c? I am trying to get this story from all who are being pictured, and you will realize just what and why I ask it of you.

In addition, I could secure valuable space for a story about the dinner, illustrated by crude sketches from authors who do NOT draw. If this is not too undignified for you, we'd like a sketch perhaps a "comic valentine" addressed to some fellow member of the League. I do not feel like asking anyone to do this against his will or inclination, but any such "freak" stuff will be sure to "land." If we decide to try this I shall write again telling you more specifically what we wish. The article on your moving experiences should be sent to me by Wednesday.

Yours faithfully,

Gelett Burgess

P.S. Mr. Hayward paid for your recent lunch before I could sign a card for you at the Arts Club.

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