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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thank you very much for your kind and generous letter of the 22nd ultimo, which has been following me around and just reached me today.

I have read with a great deal of interest and appreciation your article regarding Florida in the May and June numbers of McCall's magazine, and am looking forward with keen anxiety to the succeeding installments of your wonderful story. It seems to me that the comments of a keen analytical mind such as yours will do more to stabilize Florida and help us to glorify its real assets than anything else in the present critical situation. Of course, before we can reach the sane and firm foundation upon which to build the State's future, but which we know in due course will be reached, it will be absolutely necessary to wait until the froth and foam and uncertain conditions created by last year's mad and unwarranted scramble are entirely washed out of the picture. Then the sensible people of this country will have an opportunity to build Florida's structure upon that foundation in a firm and orderly manner.

I regret very much indeed that circumstances prevented my devoting more time to you and your interests while you were in Miami. I am very hopeful that some time, "in the pale glimpses of the moon", ~~that~~ I shall be able to renew what I know will be a very pleasant acquaintance if we can make the contact.

The book you mention has not yet arrived, but I know with what pleasure I shall read it when it does come. I read your "Life of Lincoln" three times, once backward, chapter for chapter, and I was surprised to learn how much enjoyment I received in reading a familiar book in that way. That may seem silly to you, but I got a different viewpoint of Lincoln's life in that manner, running back from effect to cause as it were, than I expected.

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell:-

You are very kind to write to me and I am thankful to you for letting me know that I was helpful to some extent in your great work for Florida.

We spend our summers at Williamstown, Massachusetts, where we expect to arrive about the 20th of this month, and if your travels should carry you through the Berkshires this year, I trust you will let me know in advance. Mrs. Shutts and I would greet you there with open arms.

Yours sincerely,

Frank B. Shutts

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