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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Thinking you may have despaired of any possibilities in this museum for inclusion in the bibliography described in your inquiry of July 25, I send herewith the information collected to date. I would explain, too, that I was not able to give it immediate attention on account of temporarily increased duties due to our greatly reduced staff of the recent past; also, it has been necessary to search for additional information on some of our exhibits which can not be definitely dated, but for your purpose, may belong to the period, 1878-1900.

In the enclosed list the word "original" is used to distinguish from model or replica, and does not mean "the first", as I know you want in some cases. Except for certain entries, which I believe are obvious, it indicates "an" and not "the" original, thinking that would serve the purpose of the student.

The entire Aviation and Machine Tools Divisions are still to be reported on, and all in the latter will be originals, if there be any for your period. This information will be sent as early as possible next week.

You may hold the material previously sent as long as it may be of any use to you, and I am interested to learn about the other industrial collections and thank you for the notes. May I suggest The Baldwin Locomotive Works and The Bell Telephone Laboratories as either collectors or sources of records of their own products? Professor Richards may know of others, and I will ask his secretary next week.

Please do not be too grateful for my efforts in collecting records for you, as we are aware that all the information you requested could have been found in a descriptive catalogue, had we ever been financially able to publish one. We shall appreciate very much indeed being the beneficiary of your further inquiries, which you so kindly offer to send on to us.

Very sincerely yours,

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