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November 10th

My dear Miss Tarbell

Living in the country as I do through the summer, & more or less taken up with my own small personal affairs, I seldom see a New York paper, or have time to read one when I do -

So it was by sheer luck, & great good fortune, that I happened to see a notice of your 50th birthday in the New York Times while visiting out here in Chicago - and I cannot resist - sending you a few words of affectionate greeting, hoping that you will

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possibly care to see mine among the great numbers you will undoubtedly receive. When thought of you & of the winters spent together under Mrs Patterson's hospitable roof calls up so many memories, & brings to mind so many dear friends who have passed on to that better country, & even though I almost never see you, I cannot forget your kindness to me & your ready help whenever I turned to you for advice & assistance.

Should it be possible & should you care to have me, I should be so pleased to make you a call next

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summer in your summer home at Bethel, for I am now the proud possessor of a car & my friend, who lives with me, & I spend much of the summer in exploring the beauty spots of Connecticut. Now we are at the beginning of a long winter's trip hoping to see the West Coast before we turn our faces homeward. As you know, my Mother died some ten years ago & my Aunt with whom I lived has been gone over four years so that except for my Sisters whom I see only occasionally I am very much alone in the world.

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Mrs Bell spends her winters
in the South & Twin Oaks, my
second home, is rented to
the Chinese minister, so there
is little to hold me in
Washington, & it seemed wise
to make a definite break & do
a little adventuring -
My first long trip, long in
distance, not time, was made
in your company - If this
one proves half as delightful
I shall feel well repaid -
With many, many congratulations
& most affectionate greetings
& best wishes

Very sincerely yours
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