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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Professor Ernst von Halle of the University of Berlin is in this country working on a political history of the United States. As he told me he is just completing a book on the resources of the South at the end of the war, particularly with reference to the cotton industry. I think he is now working in Washington or is travelling in the South; he has to leave New York after New Years. A letter addressed care the City Club (5 W. 33rd (?) Street (opposite Waldorf Astoria hotel) will reach him wherever he is. He speaks English perfectly, knows American ways and you will find him a pleasant man to meet.

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I think I am setting into pretty good trim again. I am out of doors a good deal, riding horseback and I think it has done me much good besides yielding me a great deal of information about the country and its people. It is a wonderfully interesting region and I believe there are some fine stories and articles in it. I have got my old work all off - German book and all - and I'm going into the new articles like a boy with a new bicycle. Mrs. Baker and Alice are thriving here; we left our boy with his grandparents in Michigan. I know you are up to your ears in work that you like and I sometimes wish I were back in New York - this is so far from anything. Still, if I go back feeling prime I make be repaid.

Sincerely yours Ray S. Baker

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