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May 15th, 1920.

Miss Janet Blair,
132 E. 19th St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Blair:

Your letter of the 14th instant is received. I have been absent from the office for nearly a month, due to illness, and among my many belated duties I had listed among the very first that should have attention the sending of a letter to Miss Tarbell confirming the arrangement made with her the day we talked over, in the office of Mr. Marsh of the Macmillan Company, the proposed "Boys' Life of Lincoln."

As I recall the arrangement made at that time, Miss Tarbell was to sell our BOYS' LIFE magazine the serial rights of the proposed Life of Lincoln for Boys, to run for ten installments, the first installment beginning in November of this year, payment therefore to be made at the rate of \$200.00 an installment of about six thousand words.

I am not sure that I mentioned it at the time, but it would be helpful to us if Miss Tarbell would permit the payment from month to month. I hope however, that if such arrangement will in any way embarrass her, that she will let us know and we will do everything we can to carry out such arrangement as she would care to make in this regard.

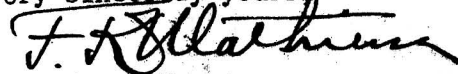
I am wondering as regards the title. You speak of it as the "Boys' Life of Lincoln." My recollection is that the title was to be "The Boy Scouts' Life of Lincoln", the material presented

to be motivated from the point of view of our Scout Oath and Law.

I wonder when Miss Tarbell will be in town again. I would like very much to see her and talk over these details and also discuss with her the likelihood of our co-operating in the plan she proposed, of having our scouts join with her in marking as "Trails" the old circuit Lincoln used to travel as a lawyer.

I hope I may hear from you again quite soon for we are all anxious to, either by contract or by exchange of letters, which is our usual custom, complete our arrangements with Miss Tarbell for the serial rights of the proposed Life of Lincoln for Boys.

Very sincerely yours,



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