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Mr. Oliver R. Barrett
310 South Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Ill.

Dear Mr. Barrett:

I have been trying for nearly two years now to get a copy of "The Elements of Character." Of course one may turn up yet but I have begun to doubt it.

Now, the next best thing would be for me to have photostats of the title page and of the pages with marked paragraphs, and I have been wondering whether you would be willing to have these made for me - of course at my expense.

As I may have told you, I am getting my little collection into shape to give to my college at Meadville, Pa. They are going to give me a room there and I want it to be made a good working collection. I cannot hope to have originals or rare pieces but I can get enough together to give a serious student pretty nearly a life work.

I want to piece out with fac similes what I cannot offer in originals, and it has occurred to me that one way to get at this "Elements of Character" would be for you, for the sake of the cause, to give me photostats of these pages. How about it? I hope you don't think me impertinent in asking this.

Very sincerely yours

Ida M. Tarbell

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