



Louisville, Ky. Dec. 8th, 1906.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:-

Many thanks for your kind letter and its more than welcome companion, the little "Nancy Hanks" volume. That I missed so important a contribution to history can only have happened through my absence from the country at the time it made its appearance. You have done a great work and the Angels if not Posterity will bless you.

I venture to enclose you some Tariff matter, my excuse being that an old soldier may e'en talk about his battles - especially an old soldier like myself who feels himself rather lonesome. On reflection, I think it would be best not to make any direct personal issue with Mr. Cleveland. You can use my "pointers" and in case he makes any denials, it will be time enough for me to come up with the proof.

Mrs. Watterson found a mutilated copy of the speech against the Wilson Bill. It will only show that I at least was not deceived by it. During two months I labored at Washington to induce the Administration to lay it on the lines which are sketched briefly in the Music Hall speech. It has no other than a suggestive value.

Mrs. Watterson and I are just starting East to take the steamer next Thursday. We return the last of April and shall surely



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expect you early in May, when we may make the pilgrimage to the old Lincoln homestead. It was a very great pleasure to both of us to meet you at last and to have you under our roof; but it will be still greater to have you come to us en famille when the bloom and verdure of the Spring are upon us.

Sincerely
Henry Watkinson

Miss Ida M. Tarbell, etc.etc.etc.