121 East Union Avenue,
Bound Brook, N. J.
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

In gathering together material for participation in a debate to be conducted early in March by a New York City group of women executives on the proposition:

"Resolved That women should be given equal opportunities and equal pay in occupational pursuits"

I came across a book written by you and published in 1912, "The Business of Being a Woman". I have been very much interested in reading this, and it seems to me that many of the ideas expressed therein still apply to this important subject as it relates to the woman in business.

Inasmuch as I am on the negative side in this debate, such statements found in your book as "In every profession we have scores of successful women - almost never a 'great' woman, and yet the world is full of great women" have particularly attracted my attention.

May I ask this one question? Do you still hold the opinion that: "In free fields such as merchandizing, editing, and manufacturing we have yet to produce a woman of the first caliber; that is, daring, experimenting, free from prejudice, with a vision of the future great enough to lead her to embody something of the future in her task"? Do you believe this still holds true in view of the record of the past twenty-five years of the woman in business?

I should be most happy to have your expression of opinion, and I do hope that you will not consider this request an imposition.

Thank you very much.

Yours very truly,
Madeline C. Gorman
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