New York – Tuesday the 24 of January
1928 –

C/o Mrs Taylor
12 Sutton Square

Dear Miss Tarbell,

What do you think
about me. I am ashamed of
myself for not having written
to you sooner.

You will forgive me
n'est-ce-pas! Knowing that

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I think of you very often and that I wish to hear ~~hear~~ about you as soon as possible.

As you know we have been in the West for two months and often, we have spent the autumn in the country, state of New York, and have been very busy with the little house — then we have come back to New York, where we are settled now —

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I hope not succeeded for a situation in a school. On the other hand I have made up my mind to stay at Mrs Taylor as long as she will want me for Carlotta. I am as well as possible here We are accustomed to each other by now and I have a quiet, peaceful life as I like it. So everything is well and settled. Of course it is not what I wished - but life is like that: you must take it as it comes.

The little house of Mrs Taylor at Wellport is very old and full

charm and I simply love it
so I have enjoyed writing the
story of this very particular little
home and I would like you
to read it. It is in French
but I am going to translate it
in English and I make the
dream to see it in an English
magazine — You dear Miss Tarbell
who knows the world of the
editors perhaps, you would be able
to do something for my history;
it has been done specially to
show how much a French woman
appreciate America in certain ways.

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I wrote it with enthusiasm and truth.

I hope you are well and in good health. Did you receive my Christmas greetings? I love you, dear Miss Tarbell and I would be too happy to see you.

Mrs et Mr Du Wier from the Monkey, are there, in New York. They are very well.

I suppose you have known the illness of Mr Jaccaci and of the little Red. They are perfectly well by now.

Hoping to hear about you and to see you soon, I am chère Mademoiselle Tarbell, votre bien affectionnée.

Marie Hélène.

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