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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East Nineteenth St.,  
New York,  
N. Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell;-

Your esteemed letter of the 13th inst. prompts me to say that I have studied your life of Mr. Owen D. Young closely and I think that you have done a magnificent job in painting him as the Abraham Lincoln of American Industry. Some of his human side was not touched upon such as his grief over the loss of his son in the west wherein he also resembled the Great Emancipator.

I wonder whether you have a copy of the book "Selected Addresses of Owen D. Young and Gerard Swope" published a few years ago which shows some phases of the working of his mind not referred to in your book.

Digressing from this subject I am enclosing a brief sketch of the life of Joseph M. Flannery of Pittsburgh, whom you have doubtless never heard of, like most of us. By chance I happened to run across the sketch due to our having a works adjoining the Flannery Bolt Co. and Vanadium Co. There are only 92 chemical elements and it seems inconceivable that an uneducated middle aged man should devote his efforts to tracking three of the least known down and developing them into large industries. The gram of radium presented to Mme Curie by Pres. Harding came from his Colorado mines.

I do not know much more about him but there is plenty of other material extant and his career seems to have been particularly dramatic and might appeal to some writer who is looking for a subject.

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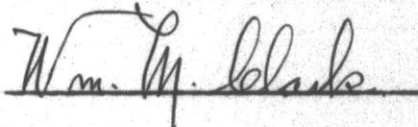
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell:(cont.)

Therefore I am passing the outline on to you, as my acquaintance among writers is limited, with the thought that if you have no use for it, that you may know someone who would like to expand on such an unusual character.

Yours very truly,  
GLASS TECHNOLOGY LABORATORY.



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