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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
Dean of American Woman Journalists
O/O Delinator
161 Sixth Ave. N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

"Nothing ventured nothing gained"
has always been one of my favorite mottos
and as I have never had a better time in
which to profit by its advice than now I
am going to put it to the test and take
the liberty of writing you.

I read with interest your article
"The Cure for Too Much" from which I learned
about your being dean of American Woman
Journalists so it is that you have to blame
for this bit of trouble.

To make a long story short, I wish
very much to learn to write, for profit
and art but find that I cannot make any
progress without some one to tell me my
mistakes and assist me to correct them and
as I do not want to run the risk of taking
the wrong course am asking you for your
advice.

I am married and as my home and husband
(I have no children) are my first responsi-
bility I find that the daily newspaper re-
porters rout out of the question. I did
however, spend six months 'cubbing' with

the advantages of my experience being my only fee, in order that I might learn whether or not I liked the writing field well enough to stick. After six months of working hard I liked the work better than at first so feel that I proved that much at any rate.

As for talent, no one ever told me that I was depriving the world of a great genius, but I have faith in what a small amount of self confidence, determination, and hard work will do and as I have plenty of these as well as time and energy I would like to use the literary road as my cure for 'Too Much'.

Sincerely hoping that this letter will reach you and that it falls into your busy hands at just the opportune moment when you have a few seconds to spend on a nonentity like me, I beg to remain

Hopefully and gratefully yours

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