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Miss Ida Tarbell,  
120 East 19th Street,  
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I write with some hesitation to ask if there's any chance of your writing an article for us. Theme - -If Not Prohibition, What? - to be the first in a series of perhaps four articles on both sides of the question. I understand that you are lined up on the side of the opposition to the amendment and the Volstead law, and it would be very fine if we might have your opinions and arguments for this first article.

The choice of subject, you see, calls for some positive suggestions. Whether this should take the form of analysis of methods followed in other countries, or whether it should be an argument in favor of some particular method here in a more abstract way, is left to the writer's choice.

*(Though we would take it offered!)*

We should not need more than 2500 words, and for that article I could pay you \$75, which I assure you is a magnificent price for us.

I very much want the article for the June number. This would mean having copy in by May 5 at the latest. I really need it earlier. I realize that's a very short time, but there's just the chance that this may be an in-between for you, and I'm venturing.

If you can't do it this time, could you do it a month later?

I suppose you are groaning over my persistence. The worst of it is, that having asked this, I go on to notify you that I'm going to call you up very soon to ask if you are ready to sit for that word portrait. That could come later if you can't possibly take time now for the prohibition article. I have a new writer to "do" you, a woman who is much interested in your work and who seems to be specially good at personalities.

Very sincerely yours,

*Virginia Roderick*

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