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Dear Miss Tarbell:

It is very painful indeed for me to reject any article that comes from you. I have held your article entitled "The American Woman Takes an Inventory" much longer than I would ordinarily have done because I wanted other members of the staff to read it. I have reports from several of our most intelligent readers and they all agree that while the article is interesting and well-written, it does not fit into our program. It would be better suited to a magazine of small and select circulation such as Harper's or the Atlantic.

In judging a manuscript, I try not to allow my personal opinions to affect my judgment, but I must confess that I do not really like the point you make in this essay. Perhaps this is because of my own experience in the business world. Pearl Buck is a very dear friend of mine but I did not like the article she wrote entitled "America's Medieval Women" and, frankly, I did not agree with what she said.

I, too, am going away for over New Year's but early in January I hope you and I can get together at some mutually convenient time. With best wishes for a Happy New Year, believe me, as always

Faithfully yours,

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