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132 East 19th Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Lane:-

Here the subjects which you selected from the list which I showed you, with the ideas some what elaborated. I have no preference about the order in which they appear, but would suggest that it would be better to use first the one I have placed first, as it has a certain timely quality.

1. "WOMEN ACCORDING TO THE 13TH CENSUS." My idea here was to prick by means of the census certain popular fictions about women. (a) that they no longer marry as they once did. (b) that divorce is becoming a national habit. (c) that the 7,000, 000 women who are earning their livings are all in what is called "industry," (d) that married women are working in such unusual numbers that the home is threatened. Of course my idea is to counteract the loose talk we hear on all these points and which is contributing largely loose thinking on important matters. Of course you understand that I do not intend to make the article simply a bunch of statistics.

11. "THE TALKATIVE WOMAN - A DEFENCE. (a) the way in which talkativeness educates the child.. (b) relieves the tension of daily living. (c) keeps alive the interest in common things. (d) prevents society from becoming overself-conscious and over-serious.

III. "WOMAN THE CIVILIZER OF MAN." I do not like this title and think I can get a better one. My idea here is to give some of my observations of life in the Breton fishing villages. Society is kept alive there solely by the intelligent understanding that the women have of their problem. If it were not for them the men on their return from their long fishing voyages would certainly relapse into complete barbarism. With this I want to join some personal reflections on her present inclinations to give up the job and relapse with him.

IV. "A GIRL'S THOUGHTS." (a) when is it a girl begins to think. (b) the propensity of older women to forget or ignore what they thought about when they were girls. (c) why girls want to work, to go into settlements, to run away. (d) some recent curious cases from experiences of rich and poor fathers and mothers.

V. "BEGING INTERESTED IN EVERYTHING" or "THE MIND AT LARGE."

(a) Arnold Bennett's Chicago lady who concentrated on everything.

(b) personal impressions of the habitual lecture-goer in New York.

(c) the contrast between their deadness and the aliveness of the occasional lecture-goer at the social centers.

(d) the quickness with which women take hold and let go of causes.

(e) some abandoned causes:-

1.- Co-operative house keeping movements
2.- Village improvement society, etc. - the wastefulness of uncontrolled nature.

VI. "THE ENERGY OF WOMEN." This paper should follow the preceding one. I want to take up in it the capacity of women to rise to the "instant need of things." In this I want to use Doctor Davis largely as an illustration. There is a very wonderful

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story of her work at the Messina earthquake which is little known. I should like in this paper to use as an example the way in which women have put blood into the Civic Federation.

Kindly give me your criticism or suggestions on this outline. Also set down for me the dates on which you want the copy.

Very sincerely yours,

(Ida M. Tarbell)

April 29th, 1914.

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