Findley Lake N.Y. 1923

January 23. Dear Ida Tarbell I haven't kept track of the number of checks you have sent me as I did know as it was necessary as I thought I had cased the money but I never got any of the checks you sent your aunt Hattie She never gave me the money you sent me and so I thought maybe some thing had happend so you could not a told as She had taken the mail out of our Post office Box

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and when I spoke to her about it She said was not getting from you was Expecting Eny thing more and had got work for her Board I had no reason to disbelieve her as there was no maid in our Box for her and I Boarded her just the same as I had (did no, work for her to do, but I found out accidenteley that She been getting money just and had spent hers and mine also I felt pretty hard towards her as I had worked hard for it

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and I needed it but I did not want to you a bout it as I did not want you to think bad of her. or think perhaps I was trying to money under false pretence so I held my peace. may I did wrong not to notify you when I found it out but I found the letters you had written her out under my plant Boxes when I brought them in in the fall stuffed at the cheeks so dear friend you will forgive me if in

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Eng way this will retard you
but I dont know as I would
dare to get her to sign hernam
to Eng thing as She is demen
ted
and dont know right from
rong if She Ever did. but
you can find out by writ
ing
to supreem Judge Autuy
at maysille N.Y. as all the
papers has been sent to him
all so if you have got your
Check stubs you the first Check
you sent me was just after

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your sister visited your
Aunt Hatt if you can remem
(ber)
when that was as I had been
sick and cant rembee I wish
I but I had lost my husband
after a long Illness and was
all worn out I want you
to get the gardian Shits
and I hope you will loseing
your friend (leg)

Mrs Mary E. Schumm

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