54 Park Street
Jersey City. N.J.
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Dear Miss Tarbell,

It made me very sad to read of your illness, and I sincerely hope you have recovered sufficently by now to be up and about again. For your advanced years you are a very remarkable lady. Your great literary contributions to Americana are an eternal monument to your long and useful life.

On February 12. I spoke to a large gathering in this city on "the Real Lincoln". In preparing my address I drew heavily upon your two volume "Life of Lincoln" and your "Boy Brown stories". At that time I reread your many charming and generous letters to this writer, especially the one in which you so kindly offered to aid an unfortunate friend of mine who was at that time desperately in need of employment at home. These letters are among my most treasured possessions. Your photograph with a warm inscription hangs in a

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conspicuous spot on the wall of my study.

You may remember how you asked me one time if I knew the present location of "Mordecai's Gap" in Monmouth County, N.J. Well. I recently came upon a book called "More Forgotten Towns of Southern New Jersey" by Henry C. Beck. This author seems to have found the "Doctor's Creek" which I am sure was the stream that ran thru the Salter farm "Buckhorn Manor" upon which Mordecai Lincoln built his forge. Could "Mordecai's Gap" be near this creek? I wrote Mr. Beck today, as well as a local historian in the vicinity whom he used as guide, asking this and other questions. I shall write you when they reply.

Incidentally, have you ever had the pleasure of a meeting with Mrs. Jessie Lincoln Randolph, Lincoln's grand daughter? She corresponds with me and seems a most charming lady. She lives in a pretty colonial cottage in Washington and owns a beautiful farm in Virginia. Her father was Robert Todd Lincoln.

Again wishing this finds you in good health and with deepest gratitude for your many kindnesses I am.

Respectfully,

Owen Grundy.

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