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My Dear  
Miss Tarbell.

In the January issue of the  
Needle Craft I read an interview  
with Ida M. Tarbell by Florence Yoder  
Wilson and Oh! it brought  
back dear memories to me  
when I was a "servant"  
girl in the household of  
your Brother William Walter Tarbell  
and family Mrs. Ella & children Ester, Clara & Scott

and <sup>and took the dog.</sup> and the Dear Thoughts of your  
kind Father & Mother, known to me  
always as Grandma and Grandpa  
F. S. Tarbell. which every other Sunday  
they had the Sunday dinner thus  
leaving every other Sunday off  
for the servant girl. Dear Miss  
Tarbell you perhaps remember my  
sister Minnie Shields who was  
employed by your Dear Mother for  
a number of years. But sorry to  
say she has left us to join her  
sister <sup>Isabel</sup> who died two years succeeding  
her. Minnie died in her fortieth year  
in Buffalo. She parted from her  
husband Will Hayes whom she was  
going with while working for Grandma  
Tarbell, and two years after Rubie her  
<sup>only child</sup> daughter died in operation in Buffalo Hospital  
a lovely girl in her eighteenth year, but  
Minnie was more than Mother they were  
Pals. I hope this is not too soon  
to you but how I wish we  
could have a good old visit together.

W. W.

I worked for Mrs. Tarbell for 5 years and would have gladly accepted her offer to move with them to Philadelphia only I was engaged to be married to Bert Penharlow on May 5/1904. Last year we had a large party of friends and celebrated our Silver Anniversary at home. Well I still stick to my art of housekeeping every day and some times over time and happy at it to think I have always had the Health to Work. I also have done something for my Country which I am proud of (my family) first Clarence Atwood now married and living in Freedom 23 yr old. Then an infant daughter died at birth. Then Maurice Le Roy age 21 Graduated and worked the last two years as Sclery for Principal of Westfield High School and agent for Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. and helping

his Father on the Farm in all spare  
and vacation time. Also has a steady  
girl so you see he is kept busy  
day & night. He is a very good boy.  
Now a Daughter Laura Evelyn  
15 year old and attending the Westfield  
High taking a Home Making Course.  
Blanche Ethel age 12 yrs. attending  
the 6 grade and taking some 7<sup>th</sup> grade subjects.  
Maurice was a boy that should have  
went on in studies for he learns  
very easily. never studied at home got  
it all in school here. and worked till  
dark with his Father on the farm but  
we did not have the money to  
send him <sup>farther</sup>. Well that's our hard luck.  
Well Miss Tarbell that is the extent of  
my family I am proud of them wish  
you could see them. Wish you could  
come out or if just passing through  
or near Portland just inquire in town  
for Mrs. Bert Penhallow or call us up on telephone  
82-13 and we will come and get you.  
We have not got very much but



~~but~~ happy with what we have  
 for it is just what we have had  
 from steady work & Since we  
 have been married my husband  
 has worked in three different jobs  
 First employed by Crandall Pabel Co. for  
 13 years and had Diphtheria & Paralysis. When  
 well he started to work for Brocton Transier  
 Co. Health failed him He then started  
 the outside work working by month  
 for Mr. C. W. Wenbourne in Portland he has  
 four farms. "Pharity to do" Grape farms  
 of course. It will be 10 years this Spring  
 we have been here. It seems like home  
 here right on the Lake we have a nice  
 Beach in summer and lots of picnic parties  
 I tie vines in spring and pick grapes  
 in fall I hope I can keep track of your  
 address and send you a nice basket, along

about the last of October. Now Miss  
Tarbell if you can find time  
will you please write in a  
letter so my anxious heart  
can know how you all are  
and do give my Love to all please  
Yourself, Sarah & Mother & Father  
and Mrs & Mrs. W. W. Tarbell, Esther, Clara  
& Scott give them my address and  
tell them to write. I am saving  
your picture Miss Tarbell and your  
home. It is fine and I said your  
home looks something like Grandma  
Tarbell's home and it was then painted  
white. Also is this correct that you  
will speak over the radio my night  
got it from one station but did not  
know where or remember. But wish  
I might know so I could tune in  
on our "5 tube Atwater" I hope it will be

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over a station I can get well  
we have had R.F.I. so trust  
I can hear you well.  
Is it the 21 of Jan and what  
station.

I must close now and get  
Hubbys dinner.

With Heaps of Love to You

And All.

I remain

Mrs. B. P. Purcharlow  
Portland N.Y.

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