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Dear Miss Tarbell -

I have been very
remiss about answering the
many letters I have received during
my illness. The reason is that
I have been indulging in an
orgy of reading. As you know,
busy editors have little time
to read anything that is bound
between stiff covers.

Of the many books I have
read during the last few weeks
I think I have most enjoyed
"All in the Day's Work," which
I finished this morning. I had
thought I was fairly familiar
with your activities and achieve-
ments, but your autobiography

opened up new vistas in the
life of a distinguished lady
whom I have always been
proud to consider my friend.

One period which was new
to me was your work in
Washington during the war.

I spent most of my time working
in the Food Administration, and
am surprised and sorry that
we seemed to have no reason
to get together.

Your years in France filled
me with envy, - but not your
years as a lecturer! I dislike
public speaking, although it
occasionally has to be done.

As for your point of view
on woman suffrage, it exactly

coincide with mine. I never worked either for³
or against the suffrage amendment, because I
felt that the proponents of the movement were
claiming too much, and also because I considered
its ultimate passage as inevitable as the sun-
rise.

I am glad to report that I am feeling very
well, - so well, in fact, that perhaps I should forget
the doctor's orders and go back to work. But I am
so enjoying the longest vacation I have ever had, that
I think I shall stay through the month of June, or
even until after July 4th. I wish your

Connecticut home and mine
were nearer together, so that
I could persuade you to come
to Harwinton for lunch, or
overnight.

Thank you, dear Miss
Fairbell, for your letter. And
for ^{the} delight I have had in
reading your book.

With truly yours
Gertrude Lane