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My Dear Miss Tarbell:

Your dear letter of 31st ult. afforded more pleasure than you can realize, or I express. Its chronological suggestion was good and will be adopted, as well as due ^{due} consideration to your other merations.

Best of all is your most gracious consent to Foreword my little bantling. When an old Codger feels glad, he feels so as a child, - good all over. That's me, now, - and I daresay causes it. There comes a justly after-thought of guilt, on my part, thinking how busy you are and take on this "just one thing more." That selfish beings "us men" are any how. We can't help it.

You ask, "how soon must you have the copy?" I promised Sippinsooth I would do my best to have the MS. with them by the middle of this month. You must not consider yourself bound to meet any certain date down the calendar lines, - but when you can, - and not under a "rush order," - send the Foreword.

With all kind thoughts and appreciation I am

Cordially and Affectionately

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