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My dear Miss Tarbell,

I have just finished reading your autobiography and I cannot go to bed without writing to tell you what it has done for me. I have often heard it said that "in the sunset of life, we may rejoice in looking at the pictures we have hung on memory's walls," and I now know one who must live with hundreds of such pictures. Perhaps I should first congratulate you upon your readable, natural style but I cannot do that until I tell you have packed into your life more industry and achievemant than most people could hope for.

I am just thirty years old, and I both teach and write juvenile stories. I have known the fatigue as well as the joy in research for articles as well as the fun of having them accepted and published. It is "All in the day's work" as you say in your title, and I love it. I only wish I did not have to teach to support myself, but then, I do not have the courage you had when you went to Paris!

I have written my mother tonight so that she may read your book also. I know how often

she has spoken of her enjoyment of McClure's Magazine.

May I say again, it was first, a wonderfu life, and second, fascinating reading, for one who receives inspiration from both?

With sincere gratitude,

Ruth N. Wagner

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