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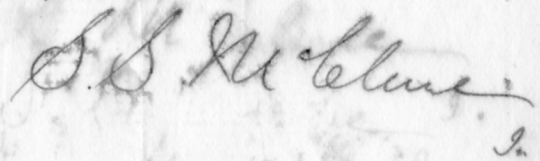
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

Some years ago we published in our Youths' Department a translation from the French of Andre Laurie, who is one of the chief contributors to Hetzele's journal for young people, to which most of Jules Verne's romances are contributed. Laurie seems to be a great favorite as a writer of young folks' stories. It occurs to me that you might get the privilege of translating one of his tales from advance sheets, to be used in our Youths' Department. His stories are, I think, published in England, usually by Sampson, Low, Marston & Co. If you should make any arrangement with the author the English book publishers would probably like to use your translation for volume form. This is simply a hint. I don't know that Laurie will have anything soon that will be suitable for us. Certainly, most of his books are translated into English. However, they have not much circulation in this country, but I imagine they do very well in England.

I included in the draft to you of \$25. the payment for the work of collecting the mottoes. I don't know whether this is too much or not. It pays you rather for your editorial interest and diplomatic skill in obtaining the contributions than for the amount of matter which resulted. I don't know that this repays you for the time which was used in collecting the mottoes, but I hope it will be satisfactory.

Very sincerely yours,



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17 rue Malebranche, Paris, France.