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June 17th 1934.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

First may I recall myself to your remembrance? I was your assistant in the primary department of the Methodist church Sunday School of Meadville, Pa. the first year I taught. How I dislike the memory of the number of mistakes I made that first year! One of the few pleasant memories is the privilege I had of learning to know you. Later I gave a reception for you when you lectured in Spokane, Wash. and we attended the Chamber of Commerce luncheon.

This letter is all about me and my problems so please put it aside for a free moment-if you ever have any.

I left Spokane and the teaching profession at my own request. I could still have held my position but I wished to leave while I was still strong, well and in my right mind. I am out of sympathy with the present impersonal modes of education but I'll not stop to discuss that.

I had enough to live on-with care-but that as you might guess, has grown steadily smaller. Years ago I had written, and had published, some stories and had also translated a book, from the German (first edition sold out and not republished therefore I hoped I might write and translate.

I have taken two courses in story writing. I have written a large number of stories and other things. I have had five different critics but I have only collected a pile of rejection slips.

Some of my work is reasonably good but I have no cocktails, no wild parties, and do not tell how many cigarettes the girls smoke-nor do I have sex relations aired. My taste is very poor-I do not like Hemmingway nor the nasty tales of Pearl Buck so you see I am up against it. I think with my wide experience and valuable acquaintance I ought to have something worth telling.

Do you ever, for a fee, read and help unknown

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neophytes?

I taught twenty six years in Spokane-have traveled a lot and have had some quite interesting contacts.

Thank you for reading this letter-if you do-and any suggestion you may give will be a sort of life saver for,at present,I am submerged.

Sincerely and gratefully,

Corinth L. Crook

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