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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East Nineteenth Street
New York City, New York

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Your letter of the fourteenth is most genuinely appreciated - not only for its complimentary contents but for the pleasant memories of by-gone days that it arouses.

My family and I left Arizona last spring immediately after the close of school. That wasn't so long ago, but it seems a long time, because our activities have been so entirely changed.

I am again associated with Mr. Noblitt and have been since I returned to Indiana. He is still "Unspoiled" but no longer a "Millionaire". The past three years have taken care of that.

It is interesting being in business again. These are eventful days - depressing occasionally, but far from monotonous.

For the present it is impossible, of course, to think of continuing with my rather extravagant academic ambitions, but down deep inside the desire still lingers and who knows but that someday another opportunity may present itself for further indulgence in this direction.

It was kind of you to inquire about Mrs. Sparks. Her health is considerably improved, I'm happy to report and she is enjoying her own home, and her old friends with renewed appreciation, because of her two year separation from both.

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Do not bother to return my manuscript, because I have another copy and for the present at least there is little time or energy available for developing fanciful topics of this sort.

Frank H Sparks

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