

told Mrs. Shelly she could come after
two or three weeks. Arrange by telephone.
4/18/41

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Dear Miss Tarbell -

A very charming
young girl - a Miss Tarbell
called on me today - She
is a devoted admirer of
you and your writings.
Said she had heard you
speak twice - once at her
college - and had for
years longed to meet you
as she believes and hopes
she could claim the same

ancestors - She said that several years ago she succeeded in getting an invitation to the Pen and Brush when you were supposed to be there only to find you had left and she had missed you by ten minutes - all of which shows you what a persuasive young person she is - She asked me if she might write to you and ask you if she might call on you - I explained that you were in the country because you were not well and I thought it very doubtful that you would see her - Then I called Helen Osborne knowing she had seen you recently - She thought it would be all right to let the girl ask you so you will probably get a letter from her - and so please be hard hearted and say "no" if you are not up to it - She seemed very sensible and I hardly think she would be a nuisance -

I don't think she has any "axe to grind" as she has a job and is even in a position to help along placing Ben and Brush members possibly -

And another devoted admirer of yours is a nurse by the name of Mrs. Mabel Shelly. She has been taking care of out of any friends

She said you might remember her as connected with the Cancer Hospital. She felt terribly when she learned you had been in the

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Bridgeport Hospital -

She wants me to say to you that any time you need hospital care, please let her know and she will have you the best. The Medical Center can provide and it won't cost you a cent -

It seems that some relative of hers has the management of rooms and there are some can be reserved

in this way for any one she
may choose - So please do
this if you ever need such care
again so we can have you in 4.9
I give you her name and ~~address~~ ^{address}

Mrs. Mabel Skell
618 West 187th St.
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And here am I in a fair way
to tire you out with such a
long letter -

I do hope you are mending
fast and are by now doing
some work which I know is
always near your heart -

There is need of your pen
in these troubled times -

With all my affection
Love Porter

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