

Adams Centre N. Y. 6/6/1912

Dear Miss Tarbell.

Thank you for publishing the letter from me. I am getting in touch with just the kind of people I wanted.

I received a pathetic letter from a neurasthenic woman, who has too little to do.

I am sorry for her. I wrote the enclosed letter to her, which I thought you might be able some time to make use of, as I am aware that about ninety out of a hundred city wives are in need of the same advice.

I notice that the wives in the country seem to get on better when "love-starved" and "unappreciated," than the city wives do.

I admit that the poor things really do suffer, but the trouble is they do not know where to place the cause, and blame their husbands, and only after the death of the husband do they find out what was the matter.

"Who was the greatest man that ever lived?" asked the teacher "Ma's first husband" was the reply.

I think a humorous description entitled "Before and After" might hit a good many

Yours truly

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The letter is pretty personal for publication, unless anonymous or cut.