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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

As one of the editors of the projected History of Civilization in the United States, I wish to express to you my keen personal gratification that you have consented to write Volume IX of the series. With this volume in your hands we are all confident that the subject of the economic foundations of modern American life will receive adequate treatment. You and I may have frequent opportunity to confer as the work progresses toward completion because I am to write Volume X which covers the same period as your volume but from a different point of view. I am sending you herewith a list of the topics which I am expected to treat. My purpose is not to warn you not to trespass but rather to make it possible for us to exchange topics if that should appear mutually desirable at any time. Of course duplication is to be avoided so far as possible. Professor Thorndike has no doubt called to your attention the fact that your manuscript is to be ready for publication not later than February 1, 1925. It is the desire of the publishers to have the series ready for the public early in 1926 inasmuch as that year is the sesquicentennial of American Independence.

You will be interested to learn the present line-up of our authors: Volume I, Professor Herbert I. Priestley, University of California; Volume II, Professor T. J. Wertenbaker, Princeton; Volume III, Mr. James Truslow Adams; Volume V, Professor Dixon Ryan Fox of Columbia University; Volume VI, Professor Carl Russell Fish, University of Wisconsin; Volume VII, Professor A. G. Cole, Ohio State University; VIII, Mr. Allan Nevins of the New York Evening Post; Volume IX, Miss Ida Tarbell; Volume X, Professor Schlesinger. Volumes IV, XI and XII are as yet unprovided for.

Sincerely yours,

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