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IN REPLY TO THIS REFER TO

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
The American Magazine,
#141 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

My Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I have been fighting for a chance to reply to yours of the 7th inst. with reference to the copper business. When Mr. Foss is at home I am pretty well tied down, and when he is away I am tied again, doing things I cannot do when he is here, but I am keenly interested in your work and am chafing under my inability to do more for it.

With reference to the copper business, I have put out some lines which may interest you. The plant to which you refer was that of the Revere Copper Co. at Point Shirley. The business was founded by Paul Revere and was carried on by his descendants until 1900 when the company went out of business.

The difficulty is that practically all the old copper men are dead. Such names as Samuel L. Crocker of Taunton, James Davis, Jr., and Samuel T. Snow of Boston, are those of the old copper smelters, but they have passed away.

I want to direct your attention to "Memorabilia of the Revere Copper Co." This little book was privately printed and circulated. It was written by Samuel T. Snow of the Revere Copper Co., and the etchings were by Sidney Smith. They alone have given the book a present value of

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some \$30 or \$40 a copy. You might look for it in the New York public library. I am hoping to be loaned a copy of it by Edward H. Revere, C/o W. O. Gay & Co., #24 Congress St., Boston. He is a great grandson of Paul Revere and a fine fellow. He has promised me to write to his brother, Joseph W. Revere, C/o Dominion Coal Co., Glace Bay, Cape Breton, for information regarding the early copper industry. Ned Revere is a young man, Joseph Revere is about fifty-seven, and may be able to tell you something of the tariff phase of the copper business. I suggest that you write him.

Hon. R. H. Hall, ex-Mayor of Taunton, is an old man and the former superintendent of the Taunton Copper Manufacturing Co. You can write him direct, or I can have him interviewed by a newspaper friend in Taunton. His knowledge of the manufacturing business is thorough, but I do not know how much he could tell you of the tariff phase.

This is only a preliminary skirmish. I am now waiting to hear from Ned Revere. Meantime, I hope I have got together a few lines upon which you may reach out.

Within two or three weeks I hope to finish my work on the Brigham Genealogy, and then I shall have a little more freedom to aid you.

Regarding election results, Mr. Foss was not a candidate at the polls, but I have reason to believe he will be next year. We are watching the political situation very closely.

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It seems that your Standard Oil story promises to result in momentous things for the magnates. I congratulate you again.

Mr. Foss is now in Chicago.

I want to write you in a day or two about my friend Frederick R. Burton, now of #219 E. 27th St., New York City. He is one of God's noblemen and a first-class writer. He may be able to do something for you and you for him. At this moment I am a little too driven to say more.

Do not hesitate to call upon me.

Sincerely yours,

William E. Brigham

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