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New York, December 7, 1915,

The Colony Club,

122 Madison Avenue.

Dear Miss Tarbell.

You may be sure that I would not send you a dictated, typewritten letter were I not temporarily prevented from writing in my own hand, but the subject on which I wish to consult you admits of no delay.

The Governors of the Club, and the members of the Building and Furnishing Committees, who have lavished such time and thought on the new Club House, are anxious to acquire and preserve souvenirs of such members as have accomplished something in literature, art, sculpture, music and the drama.

The place where these mementos are to be hung is an entirely private corridor, or short hallway, between the Library and the Lounge. There is no pretence that this corridor will be a Hall of Fame, or that it will in any way give an idea of the distinguished work done by our club members as a whole. Much of that work is executive, civic, constructive, and philanthropic, and its record can never be framed nor hung upon any wall. On the other hand, we

have upon our list certain poets and prose writers, sculptors, artists, musicians, and actresses, who can give us framed manuscripts and signed photographs, which will be interesting both to us and to the coming generation.

We would suggest that these be framed in ebonized wood, the width of the frame to be dependent upon the size of the page of manuscript or photograph or what not.

Will you not do this charming service to the Club, and kindly send to my house the most interesting contribution you can devise, by December 30th, framed and ready for its very modest place in the new Club House?

Very sincerely yours,

Kate Douglas Wiggin

Address, -
Mrs. George C. Riggs,
145 West 58th Street,
New York City.

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Give me a nice unique big one, somewhat expressing yourself for you are destined to be pretty near the center of my projected solar system!

K. J. R.

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