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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

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Dear madam,

a great many years ago, I was superintending schools in a more or less important town in Illinois, your prominence as a writer led me and the teachers under me to speak highly of you and recommend your writings while waiting for a lecture to begin I picked up July 26th Liberty, your name attracted me, Ladies at the Bar" pictures by Clara Elsom Beck, I must say I was amazed on reading this article, and more amazed that you would allow such a magazine to publish it. It is just such articles as this which are spreading treason in our country, if the exact truth can be found out, this article will be responsible for making traitors of thousands of American women,

It carries out the idea that it has become fashionable for a certain class of women and profitable for another class. Some women want to be fashionable the balance want to make money. How can I withdraw the more than favorable comments I made on Ida M. Tarbell? How far reaching will my words go to make lawbreakers. Shame on you to make prohibition responsible for such things, you writers and such periodicals as the Scripps-Howard newspapers are the worst enemies this country has. The effect of this article will be to help that lower element of the country which is working to repeal the 18th amendment. There is one consolation, error eventually destroys itself, so you and the periodicals will eventually destroy yourselves. The lecturer was not supposed to say anything about prohibition, but he relieved me some by coming out so strong for it that it relieved me to some extent. Prohibition is not the cause of tobacco use, use growing among women, both growths, are more the result of the desire for a thrill. For God's sake make an effort to bring the mothers of our country to see the awful effects of their acts,