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Miss Ida Tarbell
112 East 19th St.

My dear Madam,

I hope that you will pardon me for troubling you but I want to tell you about a man who worked for and with the Mc Clure Magazine Co. for many years and who has now fallen upon evil days and it seems to me that you might know of some fund or way of helping men who have been engaged in literary work, who are, through no fault of their own, suffering privations which they-probably more than others- must feel most keenly.

This man's name is Robert F. Pick and you may remember him as he was with the Mc Clures when they started in 1893 and worked with them for fourteen years. He went then to the City College where a position of librarian was created for him, but, I understand through politics he lost this position, and after a trip to Europe he found that the remainder of his little fund had been lost in the Julian Hawthorne schemes. His eyesight failed, he became deaf, had a great deal of trouble with his teeth, and now he is old, handicapped by physical disabilities, trying to write mid-Victorian Fiction, which nobody wants- on a typewriter of the early eighties and trying to live upon about fifty cents a day this amount being collected - with difficulty- from the women belonging to this organization helped by a pension of \$8.00 a month from the Sons of St. George.

Can you tell me if there is a fund to help such a man as Mr. Pick? He is too young to get into a Home, but we have entered him in one. He is at present about sixty-two and sixty-five is the age limit. He looks about seventy. If there was some way by which we could get him extra help -even an additional \$5.00 a month would mean better and more nourishing food and the gift of an old typewriter would be so much appreciated.



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Mr. Pick lives at 131 East 45th Street where he gets a room for \$3.00 a week from a kindhearted Englishman, who in this way does what he can to help him. This man, Mr. Rowland could get more for the room but he has brains and sympathy to realize the pathos of Mr. Pick's unfortunate condition.

I hope that I have not bored you with this long letter but I thought that you might be able to put us on the track of doing something for this man.

Yours very truly

Julia H. Dunne