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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 Nineteenth Street
New York

Dear Miss Tarbell,

A few days ago I sent off the only book I had been able to procure for you, the others cannot be secured anywhere. The price was £10 plus the postage.

I wonder if your visit to Italy has been relegated to the book of memories, or whether we may hope to see you again before very long. It was such a treat to have you here though I saw so little of you, and I shall persistently hope that you will come back before long. My domestic affairs are much more settled and at last I have a good housekeeper, so that when you do come I hope you will tea and dine with me this time.

You found it rather hot when you were here, but if you had stayed here for another month we could have given you a sample of cold and drenching rain that anyone would wish to avoid. "Sunny Italy" is almost becoming a term of scorn, though I confess there are a few glimpses of watery sunshine gleaming across the Piazza today. In any case by the time you get back again, we shall have perfect spring weather, so do not let this account put you out of your plans for a prompt start.

Bee sends his very best regards and says that when you come back he will behave very nicely and not try to eat you.

Kindest regards,

yours sincerely
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