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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
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My dear Miss Tarbell:-

I am familiar with your great life-- with the books you have written, the magnificent interviews that have from time to time appeared in the public press. I wish to add too that I am very proud of you as an outstanding American woman.

However, I am chagrined in the fact that you have evidently never heard of me, judging from the list of "fifty greatest women," etc. just published. If you will take the pains to read the last volume of the "Encyclopedia of American Biography" you will discover that I am not a dead one.

I am the author of every law upon the statute books of California and of every amendment to the Constitution of California on behalf of women.

The women whom you mention in your list as great ones I myself have never heard of before with the exception of Miss Addams and Miss Lathrop. It appears they all live east of the Rocky Mountains. Mrs. Catt, having received a million dollars from my personal friend, Mrs. Frank Leslie, for the purpose of aiding woman's cause, has advanced herself in a splendid manner. I know of no other woman whose achievements she has recognized.

The Western world is on the map and women west of the Rocky Mountains have deserved more --if I except your distinguished self--than any or all of the Easterners put together.

When are you coming to California? I hope very soon. You will receive a welcome worthy of your life work. The Western women are appreciative and quick to recognize ability in women. Not a few of us have contributed largely to State and national legislation. I hope you may advise me in the event you decide to visit California, to the end that I may make known your coming.

Cordially and sincerely your admiring friend,

Clara Shortridge Foltz