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Mr. Oscar Graeve, Editor
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New York, New York

Dear Mr. Graeve,

Forgive me for not having answered before this your letter of February 11th, which found me here in Tucson, found me laid low with grippe. I ought to have stayed in New York, you'll say, though you had it there, so I might not have escaped. I have been doing nothing here except what my contract calls for, three lectures a week at the University. I am in bed the rest of the time in a delightful spot, having wonderful care, being petted as never before. I am still a little shaky.

As to Mrs. Roosevelt, I shall try to get her to you by the middle of March, though I haven't been able to look at her since I came.

You suggest that if I "dig up some good lead for an article in Arizona" I give you an outline of the idea. The only things that has come my way so far, as perhaps your kind of thing, is what might be called

MRS. GREENWAY OF ARIZONA.

Do you know about her? She seems to be the leading lady of this state, forty, cultivated, attractive, whose husband was very rich, I understand; he left her with some important mines. I don't know personally about those, but that is what I am led to believe. I take it from what I hear that she is a practical politician, a Democratic leader, and known from one end of the state to the other. I heard her tell of being at a cattlemen's meet, and say with enthusiasm that the finest men in this country were the cattlemen. She has done a wonderful job for the Veterans. To keep them busy she has

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built the Arizona Inn where General Pershing and young John D. R. are putting up. The friend whose guest I am has one of her cottages, adorable. Practically all the furniture is made by the Veterans, a parallel to Mrs. Roosevelt's Hyde Park furniture shop, you know. She flies, she rides, she does everything that is done in Arizona, as nearly as I can make out, and does it with a gaiety that is captivating. Does she interest you? If she does, I think the friend with whom I'm staying who knows Mrs. Greenway (she's to have an article in the April Good Housekeeping) might do her. I haven't suggested it to her; as a matter of fact I hadn't thought of it till I started dictating this letter. Mrs. Greenway is the most captivating thing in your line.

Thank you for your saying that you'd like to consider me one of your editorial staff. You know what a warm feeling I have for you and Miss Carroll.

I've received the copy of Delineator. "The former Mrs. Sinclair Lewis'" novel does promise to be interesting as you say, and how well it is written. I hope she's all over S. L. Just on a cursory examination, I'm as impressed as I have been from the start that you're finding a middle way between the super-sophisticated and the super-conventional women's periodicals, very reassuring to the moderate-minded.

With all good wishes and the promise of Mrs. R. as soon as I can cut my five or six thousand words to your space, and also my greetings to Miss Carroll, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Ida M. Tarbell.

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