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My dear Miss Tarbell ,

Isaac Markens tells me that he is a friend of yours and he asks me to see you for advice when I need it about the book he wishes me to edit for him . The Lincoln material , which perhaps you know .

I hesitate to trouble you at all , but as he seems to wish me to consult you I am asking whether there would be a possibility of a short call upon you next week . I will surely try to be as brief as I can be in a demand upon your time and kindness such as he wants me to make .

I do not know Mr. Markens well but some time ago he desired to see me and put before me his material in its rather chaotic state . I learned

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to appreciate and admire the old gentleman who has just passed his eightieth birthday with his mind so keen and his enthusiasm as lively as ever I think he has something valuable which should be published before he passes away from the enjoyment of its publisity and I am trying to get it accepted . I sent it recently to Macmillan on the recommendation of a friend who knows publishers well . I shall not hear from them for a week or so .In the meantime it would be a favor to him if I could talk to you .

I am dependent upon local trains and not able to get to New York early in the day but if you would be so kind as to tell me on what days and hours you are at liberty I would risk finding you though I cannot set a time .

Yours very truly

Miss Kate Louise Roberts

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I may introduce myself as the editor and compiler of Hoyt's New Cyclopedia of Practical Quotations (Funk and Wagnalls Co.) also as a member of the Authors' League of America.

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