26 Broadway
New York, N. Y.
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 East 19th Street
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have always enjoyed your writings, and from time to time have made good use of much of the information they contain. The purpose of this note is to ask you whether you would be willing to autograph copies of your books which I have in my collection, namely "The History of the Standard Oil Company" and "All in the Day's Work".

For your information, I have been engaged in the oil business for my entire business life, having had almost twenty-five years with the same firm, and not only take great pride in maintaining a sizable collection of books on oil and associated subjects, but am a book lover as well, from the collector's standpoint.

If you would be willing to autograph the books mentioned specifically above I would appreciate it very much, and would be glad to either forward the books by mail (to be returned at my expense) or have them delivered by messenger, whichever would be most convenient for you.

Very truly yours,

Harry B Towns

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