Dear Miss Tarbell

When I saw you in New York I had only just gotten your book (in fact I bought it there especially, hoping that you could autograph it for me) & though I anticipated taking a great deal of pleasure in reading it, I had not the faintest idea how much it would mean to me —

It recalled so much that I already knew but had partially forgotten, & told me so much of yourself in the later years when our paths did not cross, yours carrying you so far afield in the middle

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of so many interesting people and events - while lying so closely at home in commonplace & familiar surroundings -

I read the book as eagerly as I would have done a novel, the days being full of outdoor occupations & travelling, I took it to bed with me every night, & could not make up my mind to put it down till I was too sleepy to take in the meaning -

Thank you for putting so much of yourself on paper, for the inspiration & example of noble living you have always been to me - I may not express myself very well but I do want you to

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Know that the remembrance of your kindness in the past, & the assurance of your friendship in the present will always be one of the brightest spots in my life

Hoping that I may see you again next summer in your Connecticut home with affectionate remembrance to your Sister & yourself

Very Sincerely
Theodora F. McCurdy

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