"WOODCHUCK LODGE"
ROXBURY-IN-THE-CATSKILLS
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Dear Miss Tarbell,

You've been in the thick of things since you left us, I know, & we have too, though of such a different kind.

We had a houseful over the Pageant, but the Fords didn't come, & we hardly look for them now. The Pageant was very beautiful — a real success, & the Native Interlude was lovely. Poor old Mrs. Tiffany died in the midst of things, & Mr. Burroughs & I, after taking our four guests to the train, & seeing little Caterina off for her home, went over to the forlorn funeral in the

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Old Yellow Meeting House, & again to a repetition of the Pageant in the afternoon.

The next few days we were over run with callers.

Mrs. Burroughs went home Friday — she had been 4 weeks away from home & felt so uneasy as to the dampness & weeds &c, &c, that we couldn't keep her longer.

Saturday the Gilbert Colgates at Onteora Park sent for us to come for the week-end. We motored over, dropping Mildred at her home in Chichester. Mr. Burroughs stood the trip well - Glorious scenery around Stoney Clove - Tannersville, &c - & a royal good time at the Colgates.

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The Edisons were there, & you can imagine what a treat it was. Then on Sunday your friend, Mr. Finley, & Ex-gov Glynn & wife, & Mrs. Custer came - & on Monday we came back to our tamer hills & broader valleys, & the homely simplicity of "Woodchuck Lodge".

The pamphlets came & I shall get at them today, & then send them on to Katherine & John.

I gave the pretty hand kerchief to Mildred & sent K's on to her. Mildred was much pleased, & said she would write you. I hope Katherine will also.

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The business (poultry) is run in my name, & the other partner has been paid, contract signed, & now it rests with my brother & the children to see what they can do with it. (Those small sums paid out for picking chickens were paid to the children — to encourage them the minister said.)

Mr. Pietro writes that he hopes you will forget to come to his studio — 630 5th Ave — C. S. Pietro. He was at Lenox the last I heard, but will doubtless be in N. Y. soon & for most of the time hereafter.

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The little pig you sent
Mr. Burroughs is fairly panting
with the heat these days,
but we know he will change
his tune, squeal in another
key soon, & then — then he
will be a complete.

Mr. Van Loan, the young
man who came up on the
hill (you remember) took some
photos, sent us some yester-
day - & the tiny one is a dupli-
cate Mrs. Shepard sent,
so I'm sending them to you.

I hope your mother is com-
fortable these days. That you are
not working too hard, & that
you will come to see us again
some day - perhaps to become
neighbors. Sincerely yours, Elbert Barnes

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