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My dear Mr. Phillips:-

I was disappointed for the day but, knowing the well-defined field of the American, I quite agree with you. I am glad to have done this work, however, and a place will be found for it ultimately. I could have it considered for a book at once, but am going to try for its serial use first. Mary Hartwell Catherwood introduced me to Mr. Gilder several years ago, under circumstances he will remember, Mr Haggard of McClure's intimated last summer that they

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would like to see such matter, and Mr. Ellery Sedgwick, of the Atlantic, knows my work through having accepted a novel of mine for D. Appleton & Co. & this will have favorable consideration.

I only fear now that I shall not be able to do as much for you as I had hoped, and I do like the American and all its works. Investigation of current conditions, plans, etc., formed the great part of my work on the Tribune, and there are many such questions that interest me today; but physically I never was quite up to it, and Mr. Atkinson

moved quickly with any such proposal.

I will find out that John Brown story early in January and give you the first chance at it. I sent a copy of "The Boyhood of Lincoln" to Miss Tarbell but fear she did not get it - as I have not heard from her.

Very sincerely yours
Eleanor Atkinson.

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