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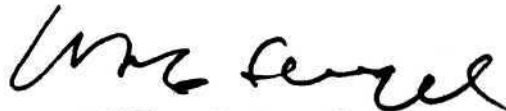
Dear Miss Tarbell:

You may recall that when I was a magazine editor I was after you for years to write one of the finest autobiographies of our time and then I heard that my friend, Herbie Mayes of Pictorial had actually persuaded you to do it and that you had written a good portion or all of it. Since then I have heard nothing further except that Pictorial wasn't going to publish it. I am wondering if you have ever done anything about the magazine rights.

If these rights are available and if you would do me the great honor of letting me represent you, I feel pretty certain that we could find a magazine editor who would be delighted to have the opportunity of publishing such a fine life story as yours is. But, aside from that, won't you give me the pleasure of reading the manuscript?

I hope this letter finds you in your usual good health and with this letter go my best Christmas wishes, and much admiration always.

Sincerely,



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