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4/12/26.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
c/o McCall's Magazine,
236 West 37th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have been reading with decided interest your article "FLORIDA - AND THEN WHAT?" in McCall's for May, but on page 89 in the next to last paragraph in the second column is something clearly misleading. "Florida is level as a table - no sky line -" etc. I had been told this same thing by a number of persons who had visited Florida prior to my coming here a year ago, and when I drove down the Scenic Highway from Haines City to Sebring, and around Winter Haven, up and down hills of various heights up to more than 300 feet, and went to Brooksville and found the same thing, I wondered if the folks who told me Florida was "perfectly flat" had ever seen any of the state except the East Coast.

Later, in the same article, you mentioned the fact that mosquitos are a "pest in Florida". This is also misleading, as throughout the entire Ridge District, (and to my mind it is the most beautiful part of Florida) mosquitos and flies are rarely ever annoying in any way. In fact, here in Winter Haven very few mosquitos are ever seen except in the outlying districts in fairly close proximity to a swamp, etc.

I have read so many "descriptions of Florida" that were based solely on the East Coast and Tampa, without regard to the beautiful rolling and hilly Ridge District, that I trust you will pardon this letter and accept it in the spirit it is written.

Very truly yours,


L. B. Spaun,