

328 Massachusetts Ave

Buffalo, N.Y. Nov 8 - 1905

Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
120 E. 19th Street  
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell

I noted in a recent issue of a Buffalo paper that you had reached the 78 milestone in life - and I wish to take this opportunity of extending my sincere congratulations and trust you are enjoying the best of health and happy in your work.

I can imagine your saying "who can this be extending congratulations?"

Our acquaintance dates back to when we were children - in the words of the story book "Once upon a time - which was a long time ago" there resided in the little village of Consville, Pa. in the early days of the old settlement - a man by the name of Tarbell a builder of wooden all kinds - he kept a cow the only one in the place (I believe) a family by the name of Goodwood living on one side of Cherry Run and Tarbell on the other side who furnished our family with milk - and a small

boy (Jack) was obliged to cross on the log  
foot bridge to reach the base of Sapsucker - then  
is the explanation

Miss Tarbell I have noted  
your wonderful career as a writer - and  
I am glad to know you have been so  
successful in the work -

With the best wishes for  
your future success I am

Very truly yours  
John V (Jack) Lockwood