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*Miss Tarbell - Miss*

233 Bowman St., Wooster, Ohio

August 18, 1924

Dear Miss Tarbell,

At last my mind is definitely made up and I shall go to Columbia next month. So now I am going to trouble you to write the letter which you so kindly said you would write when I knew where I was going.

Will you be good enough to address it to Dr Edwin R. Seligman, Department of Economics, Columbia University? I am sure it will greatly increase the value of my stock with him. They say his course in the history of economic theory is very "tough" and that one must have what Henry Kendall has termed the "degree hunter's faculty to absorb print" to swallow all the volumes of dates and facts he expects you to have at your tongue's tip.

I hope I may see you on some of the occasions when I shall come up for air.

*Lovingly yours,  
Mary Gilson*

*P.S. I am still yellow and cowardly and have the full consciousness of all the unlovely traits of wounded vanity, etc. which contribute toward my inferiority complex. I wish I were an insect - instead of a human so I would not have to be ashamed of my traits! M. G.*