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# Letter: John Siddall to Ida M. Tarbell, December 21, 1922

Siddall, John Macalpine

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EDITORIAL ROOMS

381 FOURTH AVENUE, NEW YORK

December 21, 1922

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East 19th St.,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Mr. Phillips was just telling me about your plan to do an article on the amount of money that Abraham Lincoln left, and other intimate financial details of his life that are in a way collateral to this subject.

He mentioned details, like the entry in his memorandum books of so much for the baby's shoes, and so on.

Now if this is really to be an article about Lincoln and money - how much he had, what he earned, saved, how he spent his money, and so on, it strikes me that it would be a corking piece for this magazine. I think it would be intensely interesting reading, and I think it would be news and cause a good deal of discussion. Anyhow, I feel excited enough about it to offer you \$1000 for an article of that kind - say 4000 or 5000 words long.

We got your Christmas card at the house this morning, and talked about you at breakfast.

Faithfully yours,



S:O