Herndon-Weik Lincoln Collection:

The matter on which Mr. Harzoff of the G. A. Baker & Company wished to see me was the Herndon-Weik Lincoln collection. Weik's son, he, himself, / wants to sell it. Mr. Harzoff had the catalogue. It is entirely manuscript. He says that one printed piece in it is the only printed brief known of Lincoln's. There/1403 pieces and included in them are all the papers which Herndon took away from the law office in Springfield - Lincoln's letters to him. There are numberless briefs and notes in Lincoln's hand. There is the correspondence with Dennis Hanks, John Hanks and with various Kentucky and Southwestern Indiana people and also a large correspondence in regard to Lincoln, that is, letters to Lincoln from various points. Whether Hanks' are included I do not know. Probably not.

There is also Weik's correspondence. I was interested to see in the catalogue the document of which Herndon always made so much mystery - John S. Scripp's report of his talk with Lincoln when he was ordering his first biography.

What they want is to sell this to the Congressional Library. Putnam wanted it, but has no money. The question is whether Congress can be persuaded to buy it. I would be willing
to make an effort to do this, at least put it some place where it would be kept together. I think it ought to be with Robert Lincoln's papers.

Urged the representative of the Congressional Library if not to follow up with the well known Historical Library. After that the Lincoln Insurance Library at Fort Wayne. Think that if there is a hitch that I shall ask permission to see Greene. It might be possible that they would consider it for the Morgan Library. I am not sure what hawking about Werk has done. The only place have that these people/applied, so far as I know, is the Providence Library where the curator said they would like it, but they did not want to ask Mr. Rockefeller to buy it. The Congressional Library is the place.