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From Capt. William Jones, I learned that the last winter Abraham Lincoln spent in Indiana, he worked in Mr. Jones' Sr. pork packing warehouse, using an old-fashioned cleaver with as much dexterity as he used the ax. Before leaving the Indiana home Abraham invested all his money, some thirty odd dollars in notions. Mr. Jones says that a set of knives, forks were the largest item entered in the bill; the other items were needles, pins, thread, buttons & other little domestic necessities. When the Lincolns reached their new home near Decatur, Illinois, Abraham wrote back to his family stating that he had doubled his money on his purchases by selling them along the road. Unfortunately, that letter, not thinking how highly we would have prized it years afterwards, met the fate of many a letter, may and many a fossil, we learn their value too late.