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To the New York Magazine.

Dear Sir,

During the Lincoln-Douglas campaign, at a meeting in Dixon, the friends of the Republican candidate were almost dismayed at the rakish and jaunty air of their candidate, particularly because of the contrast with Mr. Douglas' fine appearance.

Mr. Douglas opened the rally with a brilliant and apparently unanswerable argument, and then still more did Mr. Lincoln's friends fear the result.

In the corner of this speech Mr. Douglas likened the opposing parties (Republican and Democratic) to the Allied forces at Sedan.

When Mr. Lincoln's name came he lost color. In his quiet speech, by the side of the little man making the companion almost ludicrous, and with a characteristic sentence, exclaimed: "This situation might be paid for or against the Allied forces, he could not help noticing that short speech of yours was taken".
and so far as that
concerned Mr. Lincoln
looked dejected at
the first charge.

I do not remember of
seeing this in print.
If it has not been
published I should
feel pleased to hear
that you can see it

Respectfully,

To Mr. Vanderbilt
South Dennis
Mass

Have written for fuller
information.