Dear Miss Jarbull,

Several years ago I read two stories about Lincoln which impressed me very much. And now that I am teaching Lincoln's Addresses and Letters, I very much want to pass on the impression of those two stories.

One of them concerned a trial in which Lincoln pleaded for the life of a boy who had killed his employer. The other centered about the Gettysburg Speech; in particular its effect upon a wounded Confederate soldier.

New York has been ransacked for these two short stories with no success. If you
I did not write them, which I believe you did, can you put me on their track?

Yours Sincerely,

Joseph Hoppin Smith