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Miss Ida Tarbell,
Care of Harper + Brothers,

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My dear Miss Tarbell,
I am taking the liberty of writing you because you are an authority in Lincolniana & I am a student there in. My object lies in the hope that you may be able to help me in securing certain information not found in any of the biographies or bibliographies. The life of Lincoln of health or medical interest. I know he had small-pox while president & death & fever & possibly dysentery in New Salem. Do you know anything concerning a trip that he once took to Indiana from Spring field

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to obtain a cure by means of a "mad stone" for one of his sons who had been bitten by a mad dog? What was Lincoln's attitude toward medical men & toward the medical profession. Do you think he was more superstitious than most people of his time? In my library of some 500 items, I can find scarcely anything of medical interest. Can you possibly help me in my search?

Would greatly appreciate hearing from you if it is at all convenient.

Yours sincerely
Milton H. Shutes