

Humor as a War Weapon

Ludwig's Lincoln contains many references to the point.

- p. 101 Replies to soldiers and about shooting
- p. 115 Description of Stephens - "biggest shuck and smallest nubbin ever laid eyes on"
- p. 119 Speech to regiment - arguments why the negroes ought to be slaves
- p. 125-6 "You can't put a long sword into a short scabbord." Lincoln's remark about a cabin berth 4" shorter than he was. Berth remodeled. Next morning he said "A miracle happened last night. I shrank 6" in length and about one foot sideways."
- p. 128 Place hunter who asked for appointment as ambassador but in the end had been glad to accept a pair of old trousers
- p. 142 Appropos of his way of giving a man the rope with which to hang himself. Story of the boy and his coon