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Written from Philadelphia
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St. - New York

Dear Madam:-

Visiting in Philadelphia, in the usual clutter of a typical "Antique Store" (a perfect fire trap) I have run across a rude old home-made triangular corner-cupboard, about 4 feet wide and 6 feet high, alleged to have been constructed personally by Mr. Lincoln for a certain "Betty Clark" about 1836 or 39, and sold by her in 1871 (for $200) to a "John C. De Witte," and now offered for sale for less than a thousand dollars.

It seems to me almost incredible that such a piece, if authentic, could be found outside of a museum today. If this piece were truly authentic, I would gladly buy it, and see to it that it would be safely preserved, and respectfully placed among other Lincoln relics:- probably with those of the Chicago

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Historical Society, as I claim Chicago for my home.

Being an avid reader of literature on Lincoln, and never having seen mention of any "Betty Clark" in his life, I venture to take the liberty to inquire of you whether, in your researches, you have ever heard of such a person or of such a cupboard:— whether, in your opinion, there is a chance that this cupboard might be indeed authentic?

Your kind answer will be much appreciated by

Yours very truly

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