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I remember one story he told me on this occasion. Tom Corwin, of Ohio, had been down to Alexandria, Va., that day and had come back and told Lincoln a story that pleased him so much that he broke out in a hearty laugh and said: "I must tell you Tom Corwin's latest. Tom met an old man at Alexandria who knew George Washington, and he told Tom that George Washington swore. Now Corwin's father had always held the father of our country up as an exemplary person and admonished his son to follow his footsteps. "Well," said Corwin, "when I heard that George Washington was addicted to the vices and infirmities of man I felt so relieved I shouted with joy."

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