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NOTES.

Senator Hoar tells me, at a dinner at Mr. Hubbard's, that Charles Sumner told him that he went to invite Mrs. Lincoln to go with him to the first inaugural ball and that she replied that, she calculated that she better go with her own folks. This improbable; as Mrs. Lincoln was a well educated woman, &c.

Mr. Hubbard tells me that Colonel Wilson says that his wife, at the first inaugural ball, passed by Mr. Lincoln and shook hands; she wished to make the second round of the room, and when she did he looked at her quizzically and said, you have been by before. Tells me of a very beautiful girl who passed Mr. Lincoln, and she wanted to make a second turn, which she did; as she came toward Mr. L., her escort saw Mr. L. look out of the corner of his eye at the girl, and as she passed he leaned over and said, those that pass a second time pay toll, and kissed her.

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