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Dear Sir.

During Mr Lincolns campaign with Mr Douglas for the Illinois U S Senatorship, at a meeting in Dixon, the friends of the Republican cause were almost dismayed at the awkward and farmer like look of their candidate, particularly because of the contrast with Mr Douglas fine appearance.

Mr Douglas opened the rally with a brilliant - and apparently unanswerable argument. and then still more did Mr Lincolns friends fear the result

In the course of his speech Mr Douglas, likened the opposing parties, (Breckenridge Bell Everett, &c) Republican to the Allied forces at Sebastopol,

When Mr Lincolns turn came he rose slowly, (his great height, by the side of the little man making the comparison almost ludicrous), and with a characteristic twinkle, remarked, "that whatever might be said for or against the allied forces he could not help noticing that ~~Sebastopol~~ Sebastopol was taken".

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and so far as that
evening's contest was
concerned Mr Lincoln
took Antaeus at
the first charge.

I do not remember of
seeing this in print.
If it has not been
published I should
feel pleased to hear
that you can use it

Respectfully
C M Underwood
South Dennis
Mass

Have written for Juvenile
Instructors.

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