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Miss Ida M.Tarbell,
No.120 East 19th. Street,
New York City.

Dear Madam:-

Knowing well of your great interest in anything which concerns Abraham Lincoln, I am enclosing a small piece of chestnut wood, with an accompanying statement which will explain how I came to get it. This piece of wood and the statement are to you with my compliments. I am enclosing a statement which concerns a letter written early in the morning after Lincoln was shot. This letter has never been published, and I think of value in establishing the facts concerning the Assassination in the Theatre. I term it "The Todd letter set" and it consists of one print for each of the four pages of the letter, one of Dr.Todd's portrait, and a print showing the gun-deck of the Monitor Montauk of which Dr.Todd was surgeon. I have been advised that it was in the very room shown on this print that the autopsy on the body of Booth was performed. I have sold sets of these six prints to various Lincoln collectors, at $1.25 per set, but would greatly prefer anything of equal value in any Lincoln items that I can add to my collection, such as post cards, medals, portraits pamphlets or books not in my collection, and I would be glad indeed to make an exchange of this kind with you. One item I should prize very highly, would be some quotation from some speech or saying with your autograph, if I am not too bold

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Abraham Lincoln, in my estimation towers above all of the heroes and great men of history,and when on September 13th last, it was my privilege to stand with my wife in room of the humble log cabin where he was born, in the Memorial on the Lincoln Farm near Hodgenville, I felt that all that had been written or said about him was not to much to be known to all the world for all time.

So I will be glad to send you the "Todd Letter set" and in return you may send me whatever you please,for I will consider it an honor to place anything from you,who have written and who knows so well the history of "The Great Emancipator".

Very truly yours

E. L. Bangs

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