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CUSTODIAN LINCOLN'S TOMB
SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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Miss Ida Tarbell
Dear madam: Yours received
you cannot bother me by inquiry
about Lincoln, or the greatly misunderstood
Mrs. Lincoln. meeting 10,000 people a month
I daily am convinced that justice has not
been done to Lincoln's other half.
She had her faults but with all that
he was considerable of a woman. I
have some twenty pictures of Mrs. Lincoln.
And anything you may need, is at your
disposal. I am looking up what
I have in Mrs. Lincoln's letters. My friend
Harry Barker of California gave \$1,200
for a Mrs. Lincoln letter. I don't know
what it's certain, but can find out if you
want it. A few years ago an Alton lady
got out a lot of Mrs. Lincoln data but
she died. Her matter was later turned over
to Mrs. Clifford Ireland wife of former
Congressman Ireland. She spent several
months in Washington and got data
from the library and newspaper files but
went to Vermont to see Robert Lincoln
and he talked her out of its publication,

one at the stove is that she
promised not to print it
until after his death. It
may be possible that she has
given up the talk entirely -
If so it might be possible to
get her data. I could find
out. I see her husband quite
frequently. It worth while
I could write to her.

The book of the second
is one on Mrs. Lincoln. The
people want the facts, not
a whitewash, but all the facts
will make her respected.

Too bad about Beveridge.
We expected much.
My chum, J. C. Thompson, is
making proof of facts for him -
He is an authority. want you
to meet him when you come.

A. W. Fay.

See Miss Tarbell's letter June 15, 1927