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Ida Bell

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Miss Ida Tarbell,
Titusville,P ennsylvania.

Dear Miss T arbell;

Having read in the various newspapers of your recent visit to Titusville,Oil City, and Franklin and while there getting data regarding John Wilkes Booth am taking the liberty of writing you and trusting the following information maybe of some assistance.

Otis S kinner the distinguished actor wrote a series of articles some years ago(I think in The Ladies Home Journal) entitled "Footlights and Spotlights"now in book form and mentioned while in Philadelphia at the theatre where he was employed Edwin Booth received John W ilkes Booth's trunk containing his theatrical costumes which Edwin Booth burned in the presence of Mr Skinner.

I also recall reading sometime ago in The Saturday Evening P ost an article by W.J. Ferguson,the actor who was in the cast at Fords Theatre at Washington April 14th.1865 which I think gives valuable information regarding the theatre,performance,and other data regarding the assassination of our beloved President,Abraham Lincoln.

We have very pleasant recollections of our life at Titusville,living at 428 East Walnut St.in the dwelling known as the Truesdell house from 1912 to 1919,I was at that time Asst.Treas.Bessemer Refining Co. we greatly enjoyed your lecture at the Presbyterian Church on one of your visits home.

I had the pleasure while living there of meeting your Brother,W illiam Tarbell who knew my Uncle,the late R.J.S traight of Bradford, Pa. very well.

Wishing you the best of success,
I am,
Sincerely yours,

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