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Ida M. Tarbell
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

In a recent letter from M.L.Houser, Peoria, Ills., he tells me you wrote him some time ago that you had among your papers, notes in proof that Abraham Lincoln "carried" "Yankee Notions" and "Phoenixiana" over the Circuit."

If these notes have come to light so you can quote them to me, I will be greatly obliged. I am still working at the task of finding evidence on what Lincoln read, and so far, have discovered references to more than 200 books and pamphlets read or owned by him.

Is "Yankee Notions" a book, pamphlet, or a paper? I had never heard of it until recently.

Just now I have in my book-room a collection of 75 or more different titles of books that are duplicates of those known to have been read by Lincoln. If you have interested yourself in this form of Lincolniana, you may wish to add to your collection, with the view to sometime placing it in some educational institution. If so I should be happy to serve you in supplying such titles as are not now in your collection.

I hope you can give me the authentication for the two titles first mentioned.

Sincerely,

H. E. Barker

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