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Miss Ida M. Tarbell, June 18, 1928.  
Ladies Home Journal,  
Philadelphia,  
Pennsylvania.

Dear Madam:

In the February Home Journal, I saw your article on Mrs. Abraham Lincoln.

My father-in-law, Mr. Francis S. Corkran of Lutherville Maryland was chairman of the Maryland delegation which nominated Mr. Lincoln for president. After Mr. Lincoln became president Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Corkran became very intimate friends.

During the war Mr. Corkran visited Mr. Lincoln in the White House and on one occasion mentioned to Mr. Lincoln that Mrs. Lincoln was being criticised by the women of the U.S. for being in New York and leading a gay life while so many of the people of the U. S. were in mourning. Mr.

Corkran suggested to Mr. Lincoln that it would be well to have Mrs. Lincoln to return to the White House and to visit the soldiers in the hospitals, distributing flowers and fruit to the soldiers with her own hands. Mr. Corkran told Mr. Lincoln that if

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he would bring her home, he would send over every morning a basket of grapes from his own grape arbor as long as the vines were bearing fruit.

I have an autograph letter from Mr. Lincoln to Mr. Corkran in which he said Mrs. Lincoln had returned home and would be glad to talk over the matter with Mr. Corkran.

Do you think Mr. Oliver Barrett you mention in your article would be in the market as a purchaser of this letter? If not do you know of any one else who would be?

Very truly,  
Ruth C. Corkran.