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Ida M. Tarbell,
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just been browsing once more through your remarkable life of Abraham Lincoln and I am wondering why, in all your research, you did not tell about the escape of John Wilkes Booth.

Bernie Babcock has written a book of fiction founded on this remarkable incident in American history and there are a number of other publications which give notice to it.

Kenzie and Zisgen, the only two men in the Garrett barn who knew Booth, maintained to the day of their death that the man who was killed in the barn was not Booth--that the man who was killed was red haired and that Booth had jet black hair.

Senator Sumner in the United States Senate declared that Booth was never captured.

Surely you must have found some of the facts regarding this incident connected with the life of Lincoln.

Very truly yours,

Rufus Woods

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