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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 East 19th Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I like your little Lincoln story very much and though it is short for a book I think we had better bring it out. I should be glad if you could expand it a little and perhaps put in a little more of the setting, breaking up the discourse with a bit of action here and there. What do you think of this? Also would it be well at the beginning to date the conversation? A contemporary of Lincoln would be one hundred years old now. Might it not be well to place at the beginning of the story some indication that this is so to speak a record of a conversation of twenty or thirty years ago?

If we could begin work on the book very soon, I should like to have it ready for publication before Lincoln's birthday. This would not interfere with the magazine publication, would it? Will the usual 10% royalty be satisfactory to you? I fear a little book like this will hardly stand anything more.

I am,

Very truly yours,

Edward P. Munn

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