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

My dear Miss Tarbell:

You will recall using a cut in McClure's Magazine in 1896 in your articles on the Lincoln-Douglas debates. I have always been interested and curious about the origin of that painting. We have used it so many times in college publications and this last summer, working through Mr. McClure, I have discovered that a man by the name of Perard, who is still living in New York City, painted that illustration for you and he says that he used an old woodcut from Harper's Weekly to get his background of the building; otherwise, he would have drawn a prettier building.

Just now, my honors students are trying to locate the Harper's Weekly woodcut and I am wondering if you would have any idea of the approximate date of publication in Harper's of such a woodcut.

Yours very truly,

John L. Longenecker

Head, Department of History and
Government.

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