

CHAS. FITZHENRY  
WASHINGTON, ILL.

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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
"Somewhere in"  
U.S.A.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I think I will be pardoned for addressing, even though a stranger, so practical a lady as yourself - I am not so confident about the request with which I accompany the address. But please hear the first part of my request, even though you shy (as you will be apt to do) at the second.

As a lover and student of the life of Abraham Lincoln I was more than interested in a recent series of newspaper articles from your pen, in one of which you related what to me was a hitherto unknown fact of peculiar significance. I refer to the dream in which Mr. Lincoln traced the sobbing voice through the White House rooms, the mourning for the president who had been killed.

I very much wish to know when this incident first became known and from what sources. I am sure you would verify its authenticity before giving it to the public and therefore I have no hesitancy in accepting its strange significance. I wonder a little that it was not embodied in your two volume life of Lincoln. Perhaps it had not then been sufficiently authenticated; perhaps you did not feel the spirit of the times was ready for it or that humanity would be benefited by it. Would you extend a Lincoln lover ~~witth~~ the very great favor of a line in this connection?

My especial interest in this incident will be more apparent if you care to look over the accompanying MS of an article I prepared last fall, but which has not been published and is therefore open to amendment. I have enjoyed several year's acquaintance with Mr. Henry B. Rankin, whom you doubtless know better than I, and whose letter, enclosed, may lead you to feel warranted in examining my paper.

I send stamped envelope for return of enclosures and thank you in advance for any reply to my request <sup>with</sup> which you may be pleased to favor me.

Very respectfully yours,

*Chas. Fitz-Henry*

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and will send 8 apr.  
withing ms. S.T.*

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*Dear Miss Tarbell: Before I could mail this letter I received today, from the publishers, a complimentary copy of Mr. Henry B. Rankin's*

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