15 Clark St.,
Brooklyn N.Y.,
April 16, 1917

Dear Miss Tarbell,

Several years ago I read two stories about Lincoln which impressed me very much. And now that I am teaching Lincoln's Addresses and Letters, I very much want to pass on the impression of those two stories.

One of them concerned a trial in which Lincoln pleaded for the life of a boy who had killed his employer. The other centered about the Gettysburg Speech; in particular its effect upon a wounded Confederate soldier.

New York has been ransacked for these two short stories with no success. If you

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did not write them, which I believe you did, can you put me on their trail?

Yours Sincerely,
Joseph Hopkinson Smith.

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