522 South Osceola St.,
Orlando, Florida.
November 20th, 1925.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell-

I wanted to write to you for some time about your book which I haven't read (you can't read everything printed), I mean your book on Lincoln. I understand that you interviewed lots of people on Lincoln's supposed tendency to tell smutty stories.

Now, many years ago, I met Colonel Ward Hill Lamon (at one time Marshal of the District of Columbia and before that Lincoln's Law partner in Illinois). I had many days' talk with Lamon about Lincoln's peculiarities and oddities and things, and he never mentioned a single word indicating that Lincoln was given to telling those kind of yarns.

I think this first-class evidence that you are right, and I thought I had better communicate it to you for what it is worth.

Very faithfully yours,

Herndon Welch

HWF/IDO.

P.S.- In my book "Abroad with Mark Twain and Eugene Field" I printed some remarks by Mark on the excellence of your Lincoln book, then running in McClure's.

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(*From The Standard, London, England*)

An American Author's Work

Henry W. Fisher of New York and most of the Capitals of Europe, who has been connected with London newspapers in an editorial capacity for quite some while, is credited with a new book from the Press of Messrs. Cassel, publishers, "Secret Memoirs of Bertha Krupp of the Factory of Death," which bids fair to rival in popularity his "Private Lives of the Kaiser and His Consort" and "Secret History of the Court of Berlin" (3 vols.) *The Spectator* called this book, at its first appearance before the war, "The most unique book ever written about living sovereigns. If in all the world there is a more deft or audacious chronicler than this author, he has not made his bow to the public." Mr. Fisher has done two or three other books dealing with European court life, but none of these reached the high water mark of 180,000 copies sold in London, the Kaiser book record. He is now engaged on a volume dealing with England in particular, styled: "The Shame of the Peerage, How the English Aristocrats Gathered in the English Public Domain." This promises some extremely interesting disclosures. At the same time the ms. of Mr. Fisher's: "The Redeemer's Executioners, Their Home, Personal Status and History, Discovered in the Original Sources," is being examined in Oxford by competent authority.

Other books by Henry W. Fisher are: "Abroad with Mark Twain and Eugene Field, Tales They Told to a Fellow Correspondent," "The Story of Louise, Crown Princess of Saxony," "Since Love Began," "Girls' Names, History of Every Girl's Name," (now appearing serially), "Swinburne's Only Love, An American Girl." So far no publisher has had sand enough to accept the latter book.

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