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HE WAS FORGIVEN.

Another characteristic story is told of President Lincoln by Major Ben. Perley Poore in a Boston paper:

"One of Mr. Lincoln's annoyances was the claims advanced for having first suggested his nomination as President. One of these claimants, who was the editor of a weekly paper published in a little village in Missouri, called at the White House, and was admitted to Mr. Lincoln's presence. He at once commenced stating to Mr. Lincoln that he was the man who first suggested his name for the Presidency, and, pulling from his pocket an old, worn, defaced copy of his paper, exhibited to the President an item on the subject. 'Do you really think,' said Mr. Lincoln, 'that announcement was the occasion of my nomination?' 'Certainly,' said the editor; 'the suggestion was so opportune that it was at once taken up by other papers, and the result was your nomination and election.' 'Ah, well,' said Mr. Lincoln, with a sigh, and assuming a rather gloomy countenance, 'I am glad to see you and to know this, but you will have to excuse me, I am just going to the War Department to see Mr. Stanton.' 'Well,' said the editor, 'I will walk over with you.' The President, with that apt good-nature so characteristic of him, took up his hat, and said: 'Come along.' When they reached the door of the Secretary's office, Mr. Lincoln turned to his companion and said: 'I shall have to see Mr. Stanton alone, and you must excuse me,' and taking him by the hand he continued, 'Good-by. I hope you will feel perfectly easy about having nominated me; don't be troubled about it; I forgive you.'"

Not unlike the story Ben. Perley Poore used to tell of a Mo. country editor who came to W. to tell Mr L. it was he who first suggested him as Pres. Mr L. had already received various claimants. It was quite indeed ~~he expected~~ something — finally Mr L. at least he expected to stay as long as he wanted — Mr forced to excuse him, as he started good bye he ~~took~~ held the man's sympathetically. ~~He~~ held the man sympathetically as he said good.

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