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My dear Mr. Mackey:

Your article on John Wilkes Booth as an oil operator which appeared in the Jubilee number of The Titusville Herald has interested me deeply. Probably you know I have long been a student of Abraham Lincoln's life. It was not until recently that I paid much attention to Booth. The episode of him as an oil operator has not been thoroughly done and I am trying to make something out of it.

I wrote to Mr. Stevenson of The Herald asking for your address. In Mr. Stevenson's reply he tells me that he thinks you have a window pane on which Booth cut his name with a diamond. Is this true? And if so, could I have a photograph of it? I want, of course, to pay for the expense.

And another thing, I wonder if your article turned up any other information about Booth that you would be willing to share with me. I shall of course give you full credit for the work you have done on this very interesting point in the man's life.

Thanking you in advance for any help you can give me, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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