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PITTSBURG, PA., March 14, 1937.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of March 4th and convey my regret that I have not been able to reply until now. Of course I know of your interest in Lincoln's life; in fact I owe you many, many thanks for the pleasure and instruction I have received from reading your writings on all subjects since the days of your first connection with McClure's Magazine.

Mr. Stevenson is mistaken about my having a window pane on which Booth cut his name with a diamond. That is said to have occurred in a hotel at Headville, but where the window pane is now I do not know. I do have photographs of Booth which he gave to persons in Franklin, a photograph of the house where he lived, his mirror and photographs of two or three friends of his.

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My investigation, which made a good many years ago when the people who knew Booth were still living in Franklin, did turn up additional information. It was not all included in the Herald article.

However, Miss Tarbell, and I say this with regret, I do not see how I can part with the Booth data in view of the fact I plan to use it in a series of articles I expect to write covering oil country subjects. To do so would be to some extent destroying the cornerstone of the series I have in mind.

I wrote the article for the Herald with reluctance and only because of my desire to accommodate Mr. Stevenson, a long time friend, and on his assurance that his copyright would protect me, (see editorial page of the Jubilee Herald).

I am very glad to hear from you and I appreciate very much your interest in my Herald article and I am sorry I cannot do as you request without, I feel, injuring the value of what I am trying to do myself.

Very sincerely yours,

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