

Funny Bones

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Mr. Daniel H. Newhall,
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New York City.

My dear Mr. Newhall:

I am sorry I troubled you to send me this copy of "Stories of Abraham Lincoln." You were right when you told me that it was purely an advertisement and probably nothing that I would want. I am trying to get together collections of his stories which were made by publishers. I have nothing more, so far, than those of the Evening Post and a little book that was published by Hearst & Co. This adds nothing.

I think I asked you over the phone if you had ever seen a book called "Quinn's Jests" or any books of early American collections of stories. Carey published two at least, I think, early in the 18th century, in Philadelphia. If you hear of such a book I wish you would let me know. I would like to get it if it is not too expensive. I have reason to believe that "Quinn's Jests" was an English collection though I do not know this to be true, and that there was one copy at least which circulated among the boys in and around Gentryville, Ind. It was probably a little broader and coarser in its wit than the Carey collection though I do not know this to be true, never having seen a copy.

When a copy of Bates turns up, I will take it. I should

like the Boys' Year Book, too, if you can get hold of it. I think that it is made up of stories and articles taken from Boys' Life, though I am not quite sure.

Sincerely yours,