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SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS

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Miss Ida Tarbell

Dear Madame

When you were here I called your attention that Mr. Meserves # 36 was not made by Alexander Hesler. He told me so and that he never saw Lincoln after he wore a beard. I see that you use it in your # 9 serial credited to Hesler. If you use it in a later publication you can make correction. It looks as if it was made later than 1861 and I will do some digging and see what I can unearth. I also called attention that Meserve's # 8 was not made by Hesler. He told me so. I have a print of it with S. M. Fassett's name on the mount. Later I got a letter from S. M. Fassett. He does not remember the date but it is generally credited 1859. I had a long controversy with William Lloyd Garrison about the picture but the Garrisons in the Century of Feb 1909. give in, and acknowledge that it was made by Fassett Oct. 1859.

Yours.

H W Fay

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