

Theater



Dear Madam:

Yours received,
will very gladly give
you the little inform-
-ation I can, in regard
to Abraham Lincoln.

When my children
were small, I used to
tell them incidents
that transpired when
I was a young lady;

among them a few²
about Mr. Lincoln.

The first time that
"Uncle Tom's Cabin"
was presented in
Peoria Illinois; a party,
including myself, ~~from~~
^{Peoria} attended the performance,
Lincoln was there,
and every one that
witnessed it ~~was~~
enthusiastic. The
next morning this
same party, returned
to Peoria on the steam-

boat, among the passengers was
 Lincoln on his way to Pekin to
 attend court. My escort, afterwards
 my husband, being personally
 acquainted with him, introduced
 him to me; we had a very pleasant
 chat. When Lincoln was teaching
 school ^{in Illinois} he boarded with a dear
 friend of mine, Mrs. Helen Broadwell.
 She has told so many times about
 her patching his pants, he was so

and that it was a
constant struggle to
get along at all.

My brother, Col. Geo.
H. Barton, of Chicago,
was secretary of State
for eight years at Spring-
field, he lived in
Lincoln's house for
several years, and has
now in his possession
several articles of furniture
which belonged to Mr.
L., and he values them
very highly. My brother
could doubtless furnish
you with more information,



if he is well enough
to attend to it, he has
been very ill. His
address is of Edinburg
Apartments, Michigan
Ave. Chicago. I hope
the little information
we have given will
be of some help to
you,

Very Sincerely,
Wm. W. Dr. Aubrey
Mattoon
Feb. 16th
1896
44 Essex Ave.