If (U. S.) had been a nameless man
would he ever have been elected
President of these (U. S.)? It is debatable
Certain it is that his [illegible] ability
his skill in dealing with
men caught, and held, the
with them, was [illegible] the basis
his popularity - from the day he
appeared as [illegible] on the Sangamon River in Illinois.

Thrown in with a crew of raft-builders
who spent their nights [illegible]
the logs they were cutting, his stories
soon had them clamoring for more

Even [illegible] than his yarns was
his way of telling them. His own en-
joyment of them. Forty years later
a survivor of the crew described his
whole bearing and recalled a single
one of the stories he still laughed when
he remembered it and he came to the end he roared "Well, I
[illegible] the log he straddled "After he had

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some his way, the boy made [illegible] Lincoln's
family seat since proceed - Abe's log
they called it, [illegible] first monument
in Illinois - a monument to his
comic spirit.

Where Lincoln attempted in his
next few years to make a place
himself among men whether it be
as a day laborer, a student, a
surveyor, a Warrior, a politician a

a lawyer, his fun-making [illegible] attracted men
to him - kept him around. That he was
no mere clown they of course soon discov-
ered. The [illegible] knew the time they
represent him. [illegible] considerable
character, his independence of spirit
his ambition to make something of
himself - & his willingness to work to
do it - but the respect was all his
simple because of [illegible] which
made [illegible] [illegible]

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On the circuit which he travelled so many years he was an immediate subject of political ~~and~~ comment - so many of his ~~time~~ were so dependent upon his amusement - He was a ~~perpetual~~ ~~funny fellow~~ whose Practical joke and stories of other made him

Few indeed were the occasions when were not enlivened by some practical joke of Lincoln's ~~or~~ ~~other~~ ~~humorous~~ or humorous. The classic example of his practical joking was his pitching the court bailiff across Fox River. The River was in flood running wild across the prairie, & the roads underwater,

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all
heading and made interested -
The trapper Simply bewildered
asked me another time in her
mind they were to cross - for
cross they supposed they must
then we [illegible] me may swim.

said. They must strip, tie their clothes in
a bundle to the side of their saddles
and swim for it. Meadows objection may
have been raised we were told &
they prepared to and started on swim, Swimming at
the head of the ridiculous nudist group
for an other shore reached shortly.
which when seen reached their destination
when they saw they were approaching a
town - so they reached it - in dark
town. To reached - it - had not been

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necessary to cross the Rio Grande - Something
humorous from the pen of Lincoln. He
had he had played a trick which
led the whole Circuit working with
laughter.

This type of practical joking ran
and had been for many years the
most popular diversion of the
pioneer communities of the West and
South. Altogether the most complete,
authentic and amusing history
of it is to be found in Baldwin's "Flush
Times in Alabama" published by
D. Appleton & Co in 1853. Lincoln owned
the book, the very copy which he
carried with him on the Circuit -
being now in the Collection of Hon
Hardy Horner, Governor of Illinois.

The "Flush Times" of which Baldwin
wrote belonged in the 1830's
but the types which he caricatured
still flourished but slightly modified.

Lincoln distributed Bread Cream named them Cornucopia in every County seat of Illinois where he practiced Something which made the expiration the more relished.

It was a motley crowd of Lumbago and Wind-bags which Baldwin presented - and Then was the natural liar; and Bolin Esq - who "Cicd pro Re" insinuated influenced & was a diminished son of the art; Then was Caesar Hanna

Bolin

[illegible] - a free libeller - who poured out description & interjection & "cried each more sacramento than any else could exmaz"; there was Paul Beckum Tennessee "assiduous in the cultivation of manner who finely combined [illegible] address with Brain to show

his familiarity with elegant table etiquette by stirring tea out - of pineapple in the water of his finger-bowl & eating it with his fork;

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Uncle was J. Talleyrand who never had made a speech to a jury in his career without telling an anecdote. As time went on he gradually settled on a particular story - which he ~~returned~~ told, ~~as~~ whatever the case until it - "got to be a necessity of speech".

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The Earthquake Shock

To avoid these ridiculous gentlemen on their own pleade ~~we~~ the final spirit of the ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~

combine to settle the score of boredom and disgust with Cave. It came one Christmas ~~Day~~ at a frolic at the town tavern -

(3) barrels of oysters, a demijohn of Irish whisky and a lot of terrapin had come up the River from Mobile and the judge and all the lawyers in town had gathered for supper. And the company was Cave from house to door - & nothing was left undone in the shape of supper that could be found. At last the mistress of the house decided that the time had come to teach him a lesson and suggested how it could be done.

Cave had one story which he delighted in telling since it gave him grandest opportunity to display his power as an orator. It was known as the Earthquake story. and it was this story which the judge begged while they were waiting for the oysters to be opened & cooked.

Cave's ear for an audience made him careless and he was soon launched on

also all other

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rambling
detailed account of the case - a suit for heart
of promise - of the failure to it - of the famous
legal light will whom he had associated
and of the judge, old & rich, various delirium which
had nothing to do with the case - & finally the
record and proof - more to [illegible] the
court of this & circumstances - his own
purported [illegible]

So eager was the town to hear the
dedard case that the court room was packed & the
judge was obliged to open doors & windows
[illegible] against [illegible]
crowd willing
without.

At the court room a tied jury
was sent up. Angered at the flights
[illegible] they were missing his & mail-
[illegible] pleas & eloquence they attempted to
break jail. All they succeeded in doing
was knocking down the yards of heavy
stove-pipe which ran the length of the
room. At last in [illegible] with an ample
clatter at a dramatic point in [illegible]

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flight. "I had prepared the audience for calamity" said Carr "and this country did had an awful effect. But worse was to come. The committee also had loosened the plaster of the Court room ceiling and by the deep vibrations. At night during the examination, I shocked the people out of their wits. Carr & terrorized terrified the audience. Earthquake Earthquake" & one arose & bedlam followed in the imprisoned mass.

The fire Several men now pointed from the upper window & the. Def fire department - we called & even one fireman & number of men in the court yard & crowded into the court room. Several hours —

In the Canyon preparing the way for his earthquake Carr had stopped at intervals to ask about the effects

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they to be told they were not ready
but as he came to the platform
his late he lost himself entirely,
made no inquiries ~~to~~ failed to notice that-
at regular intervals a couple of ~~gentle~~
~~men~~ to his audience, ~~took~~ left-
the room. He gave a considerable
time, returned & the nine ~~hitherto~~ ~~followed~~. It was not until
of Nine returning smoked his
~~that~~ & said in a voice loudly
that ~~Carr~~ that - he had never
tasted better oysters in his life
than Cave came to,
"Oysters" he cried "All ~~his~~
oysters ready" & began ~~sing~~
in dozens & ~~dozens~~. ~~Eleven~~ to be ~~brought~~ them - only to
be told by the waiter
"Why, Mr Cave, dey's all gone dis hour past,
de seamen eat dey one"

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The [illegible] page of Lincoln's copy of Fourth Time - Sketch ever opened first mail - can read the Each Leader Story to his friends - or passed it on Mail Boy might - read it - to Newsies &c.

They ched it particularly no doubt because it was so good an example of the way they themselves disfigured Some of their numbers who made mistakes of Grammar.

Another form of discipline Some More Magnus was Horace Greeley or Wilbur Storey would a political rivals who were regarded as enemies of the country communicating to the newspaper ridiculing the objects Lincoln at the time Middle Person. published a series of Queer letters signed Cousin Rebecca in which aimed at a political opponents whose views he disliked. Accounts of many young women one of Nancy Lincoln's Cousin-nom de plume

wife [illegible]

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he laid it down, ridiculing the philandering proposition of the gentleman

+ As there were no other cases to protect the rights of such attachments there was nothing for him to but thereby

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~~to threaten~~ to threaten: ~~if he should~~ or challenge him. ~~He said he would~~ (L's relation since the fallen, ~~there~~ and the duel was all not fought to the great injury of his young pocket-book, being one of the maddest affairs at the moment trying to wipe out by blame. It was his first serious trial, ~~which~~ which could ~~carried~~ so far the jury making much had

done 20 years in this little
world a professionally cured
~~be~~ cannot [illegible] jar. At the
opening of a school in this
township of the county much of
the present year became in-
creasingly marked. Practical
plan ~~debate~~ By the time he
was ready for the Great Debate
with Stephen Douglas - the debate which
~~was to~~ ~~be~~ ~~the~~ ~~county~~ ~~the~~ practically
to the county the practical plan, the
slavery in the Dale of the slavery,
the Henry Samuel Commodity to-
the newspaper - the legend had
disappeared from the electorate, Helped
regarded the value of economy of ~~words~~
words of acts in will at his ~~votes~~ regarding ~~Abraham~~ Oliver

~~By the time Lincoln reached the~~
~~White House was a finished tragedy de-~~

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By the time he had reached the White House
there was a finished product, used
instinctively as a weapon
in handling men and situations. The
same pattern

See p. 6. MS. A.

~~At Lincoln had developed into a~~
finished product by the time he reached
the White House. Nicolay he had
trained & tried ~~in~~ not cheerfully
in Hay was a student. His

~~[illegible]~~

B When did he get them people wrong.
~~B~~ He had drawn all, Herndon says of
~~[illegible]~~ the primeval community Billings
he had left primitive & 2
apparently not to get on & above it.
Some put. Hay & Nicolay
men might ~~[illegible]~~ ~~[illegible]~~
not [illegible] ~~[illegible]~~
an intellectual reader & thought man."
C called in his time "Jimmy Boden."
Bath in Indiana & 2 his
friends had read in the woods
2 books openness of the

developed accomplishment which he
seems to have received from the pil-
grims could be used with the chief
Indians as well aides in handling
men and situations. His success with

"2 months spent in the Land of Lincoln" was
every man's mental picture and
and I sincerely hope it will be a
true story of my new State"?
It not always was the case, collectors (

earliest pleasures I find in my
life - this comedy from Eugene
"Quinn's Deli, after Jacobson Main
Emigration" Nothing very deeply -
or very funny - in Quinn's Deli &
one who reads it - today - keeps
Tom Lincoln Tom Lincoln & the others
would probably have thrashed Lyn Donaldson
he had caught him with it - and
shivered the wits.

Later it - was "Elmer Times",
"Phoenixiana" by one Jim Porter, Squibs,
Artemus Ward & The Hasbey Papers
Nasby's Poems - any collection we
could get our hands on. It's almost in
fairy tales - p 8 Ag 1912.

It is interesting to note - that
who caused Tom - Lincoln or these
books from remained on the

B II
8 pm 1915
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craft-guild system. Must be read of the Sanyasin Book. He & his enjoyment of what he marketing is reading not summit Keen Ney Summit. Then" pleasure

See 9. A Mk.

As Lucretius [illegible] Strife became generally known clever [illegible] write one 2 in England capitalized it for Mississippi Valley work. Then it [illegible] items in See 9 B

Mann Collection, it con- tained banking books after him. There are several [illegible] etc

See 9 B C of Mk.

Where did he get the mexicanee supper? Stacie
hailed Celle near in the pines Community
Bal- store was even in L's boyhood a comic
literature afloat in America - "Funny Writ
ers" they were called - texts - Artemus Ward
found the way to So. W. Indiana - till L's
hands, Mr Lapham's Fall Quarry Bill mail
intimate his pencil told of the
Elcabee of the minors who went
about the Gubernatorial Mayr during
Indiana Campaign Mr got a Vol - of pun et il

In Wm Fortune

"L. would read it - form it - in or out in the
words" & well natty added.

"Do you remember the name of the
well natty."

Oh - off on the "Knife Julii"
at least Knife Julii was the name he,
year each Mennelle called his wife

He bought it – the White House

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found in his ~~study~~ records of his investigations made in 1881. ~~but~~ but never used.

He decided to look up the work-called in one and another of his learned Metropolis acquaintance. It seemed an easy task but one cannot pass it up ~~as the~~ ~~Industrious~~ went Federal Square endeavor to find it & failed- then came west to Linden. Then he ~~purpose~~ purpose was solved- ~~the~~ publicity. Here ~~many~~ no title ~~of~~ work called Simon Girty but ~~there was~~ one called ~~of~~ Simon Girty published in 1864- Next came Walnut to make Simon Girty ~~the~~ Girty friend of Jesse.

Mr Darlington accepted the ~~request~~ ~~-ordered~~ a copy ~~date~~ found-read it ~~and~~ at once & ~~all~~ said he read it and found ~~as~~ said he expected that ~~to~~ the Pacific Main Pocket Company

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While some may ~~was~~ were ~~originally~~ colonial-
ists. Which would ~~today~~ ~~have~~ would
certainly not-can been ~~take~~ true the
~~boys~~ letter & writers of the So. W. had
crop mud not-can called them
a-headal-time that was writing
~~dead~~ time-riim.

~~Wasn't this~~
But even if it ~~was not~~ - in Quinis
pin did not-dean pay 2 2 in cumi
in the crystal found it ~~it~~ they ~~pitched~~ ~~they~~
~~did~~ ry will can dine 28 in 2
widely ~~crowded~~ crowded-american ~~in~~ trade
published in 1789 in Phila ~~and~~ one
the american pt Berk - the ~~the~~ the
Merry Fellow" - Many of the 2 were in
them 2 writes are ~~called~~ called in the
celebrated ~~by~~ Quin"

~~The~~ Library ~~to~~ from Wolcott
grew in L. He read ~~many~~ many of the
kind he could get - the letters on

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— read "Zauber Notions" on Mr Reed

Ltr — the new Julien-Prench —

and the camps of the circuit Can

Wed me y the cadet. y diagram il-

lus "Cheeky Sab" & sketch Div-

ision Hdqrs & the enclosed

a Prok ltr & turned in the

circuit Mr Plowmixam by the

John Plowmix & Squibb Jen Stuy L.

particularly enjoyed Mr of the author

Cannon) a Colonel & in the army

when Johnson-Davis was seceding &

Van Cadell) he called it 2dy-

lism & magnifying the uniform

2 Squibs & privileging & an Old Cadet

with a pleasure pattern the proximate

that an iron pedal with a big ul-

be fitted to the seat & the Mulligan horse

21 could be used in rainy Situations when

he dismounted. Dear Mrs Prentice

Mallet Plowmix sent Mallet

Cent Mallet Cum if you will send

cars-after in the cabinet" but you'll
can ask the county engineer if you"

Lincoln equipment for the work in the
presidency was the T. R's ~~2~~ 2 rushes
Gilbert Norris for delicious stories. In
the case they were ~~cited~~ ~~to~~ ~~the~~ ~~complete~~ ~~them~~ ~~or~~ ~~recited~~ ~~&~~ ~~the~~ ~~elegant~~
finish claim included to complete
to L. ever ~~since~~ read ~~to~~ pen cabinet Wall
to the cabinet ~~since~~ an allergic
much come & things seemed dear
sealed with ~~Confidential~~ ~~-~~ to recall ~~Nevi~~
self centered ~~between~~ which be true
if they did not - was one of the Lipsett -
Parker & their Lindbergh to Intelligence
examination of their process. He
read to seem 2 reported the Wide
if not - Nevi 2 ~~He~~ be read at night -
Seeing ~~the~~ ~~select~~ ~~pursuit~~ Protected
~~Stood~~ to read ~~the~~ ~~Gallup~~ ~~poll~~ ~~of~~ the
Wide kept him pinned. Johnny
said

He who so kind as to lend these rare books
a client to me and a friend
while with my collection
was made up many are the allusions
to my name in certain contributions to
Old Abe's Jokes or bit at the
Wits' Table published in 1863, also
(2) edition of American Joe Miller, published in
London in 1864. the second con-
taining an appreciation of Lincoln dated
June 6 in which the success of the
first edition was credited. It is one of
the best things of Hood and Abe in
this collection).

Legacy of Tom - London 1842
Comical

Look at books in drawer
current Set Lilies
" Pamphlets.

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Such matter some of it as I might collect for the volume

Then from Mrs Bacon, containing all issues excepting the Granddaughter to call in person of which this only is issued.

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The charge of stealing Hal Slavin - the
afternoon a paddle - was not original in made
by the critics who were later severely ex-
amined the sources from which he had-
drawn his principles, statesmanship his
spring Lyman Trumbull & was called
of Lincoln 40 years & who was free & aller-
here said by an irritated man - they
not original - Idea. Charging Lincoln
cursing abusive - not - did - heard it -
of course he had -

As L. said he only related slavin
never claimed the originality of his
stories - x did a detail incorrect. Gives
so with afternoon - little what he found &
filled it - in their use - It is the "Bell"
mouse trap" Kind - displaces the
So it was the better form - He was not
the first - by any means to see Kind - Hay
declared spirit - meant by the people
But he was the first to find the perfect
form - & certainly the use of sharply

I don't think Slavin always
was a steady, big wage worker

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Warren Ohio gave the Lowry popular phrase a currency - an authority which he never had had. I should not wish to be any where near such a thing.

I do not always Mankind Fools & blasphemers

h. III - Focke Letter.

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Corse - gurr - Greene.
See Bill copy - p. 1.

It was the use of words which had become
talisman - terms of which one spoke only behind
a hand & with a whisper. Time was Yorwicke
in Q's use of words. Was there anything
[illegible] used by Lizzie had she ever
known? (the alleged woman called) a Corse
- is a sketch - But [illegible] in W. by
1861 you did not - use the words -
you spoke of as the thing might be
good - no ill-fortune to the Corse but
it was not - had [illegible] it was
a circumbendibus such as see Gurr -

But - 2. if he realized the sum of dislike
that his pack words caused like
malicious [illegible] perhaps not to
spare the disappointing -
Sum total that was malice in
his use of words -

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It would be idle to suppose that all the stories attributed to L in these days were ever framed in words. A great story often assumes a legend - be accepted as the idle fancy of attaching his name. "Lincoln said" was the universal - from something L, and never denied. Indeed, very little was done after this one could ~~add~~ to detail volume of their genuine qualities, and despite - there is much in the said to have been made to the impression Mr. Lincoln left with Grant's mind.

"Could you let me see the hand I would like to send some of my friends a bit of the legislature Grant's - Mayor - Schuyler once asked L. if the story was true."

"In L. said to my E. Watts - See Cor. See Rhinn

L. Lincoln

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The clergy applied to Grand-Jury to purpose ~~passing~~ the in y ~~infamy~~ the public mind - as to Grant's frauds - Fisk, Gould - &c. So did many another of Grant's ~~applaud~~ & clergy Talbot did tell - many a another answer?! Leader pic - ture of a President of the U.S. is adultery men and women ~~sinning~~ the public clamour for more trial of must be advanced, now de - graded - now tested now punished ~~trial~~ just what the man is - why do words obtain why he rejoice - Expose the Grant-clergy in respect to this job, Jul - there are many there!

Why did he keep Slander - violent - abusive - ~~calumnious~~ - mercies but able and devoted to the Union as Lincoln antagonizing forces, called by ~~them~~ traitor - soldier ~~Stigmatized~~ by good Republicans with blame the mind Democrat because he had seen me y Lincoln must abuse opponents - a disgrace why do just keep so violent - immediately

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individual in the Cabinet -

"Well" the L. replied "I may learn real-lein as they --- see note of Stanton to J.G. Holland

J.G. Holland

"Let-lein jump and see!"

He asked them if what they could do if Stanton could run the War Dept as the L. thinks he did & not mind the jumping and always he could put a knot in his pulled-in tail & prevent [illegible] saving it from endangering them

cause by his jumping

Friends Stanton argued with Lincoln Seeing [illegible] manual-valley attitude he had an [illegible] opinion. "Let-lein alone." Ludwig p. 247 it-deil-lent me and it-does-en a power of good" Burr 183

His serenity - in face of public criticism [illegible]