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Dear Miss Tarbell:-

I was informed yesterday that you had written something on Mary Todd Lincoln.

I have just finished reading Mrs. Morrow's book. It was not what I expected of her. I hope that Miss Helm's book will be better. I will say this much for Mrs. Morrow, she didn't do any muck-raking as our friend (?) Barton did, which was very distasteful to me.

I wish you would write a book on Mary Todd Lincoln. Mrs. Morrow's novel, "Forever Free" was a well-written book. The only criticism I have to make is that I do not like the role in which she placed Lincoln, making him susceptible to the wiles of that rebel female spy. That was not Lincoln.

Mrs. Morrow has another historical novel coming out in July, I understand, entitled, "With Malice Toward None", which the publishers think will be a better book than "Forever Free". Mrs. Morrow is in England at the present time.

Most cordially,



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