By Caroline Hunt Hitchcock

QUERY

WHY MUST SUCH BOOKS BE WRITTEN ABOUT SO SIMPLE AND GLORIOUS A SOUL AS ABRAHAM LINCOLN?

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN

"A house of logs, low windowless and small,
Fireplace of stones and clay;
Stick chimney queer, one southward open door
For light and cheer of day.

"A slender woman, young, in home spun garb,
A man child bending o'er,
Within, A lowly cradel gently rocked
Upon the earthen floor.

"A cradle rude, God's basket - like the ark
That lay among the reeds
Upon the Nile, filled with a nation's hope
And promise of great deeds"

By Garrett Newkirk

A New York firm applied to Abraham Lincoln sometime before he became president for information as to the financial standing of one of his neighbors. Mr. Lincoln replied as follows: "Yours of the 10th. Instant received. I am well acquainted with Mr. X. and know his circumstances. First of all he has a wife and baby; together they ought to be worth $50,000. Secondly he has an office in which there are a table worth $1.50 and three chairs worth say $1.00. Last of all there is in one corner a large rat hole which will bear looking into"

Respectfully

A. Lincoln."

(We recommend this to Barton for investigation)

From a poem by Abraham Lincoln printed for the first time in the Atlantic Magazine in February 1925 entitled "The Bear Hunt"
(We recommend the whole poem - We give here but two verses)

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"But, who did this?, and how to trace
Whats true from whats a lie, -
Like Lawyers in a murder case
They stoutly argufy -

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Conceited Whelp! we laugh at thee,
Nor mind that not a few
Of pompous, two legged dogs there be
Conceited quite as you"

Abraham Lincoln.

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