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Mrs Ida M. Bartell
New York N.Y.

Dear Miss Bartell

Your esteemed letter of
the 18th to hand and as
requested, I enclose copy of the
Flag incident also an of the
same from the Phila Press
I will try and cudgel my
thruken in regards to my
various meeting and sights of
the great Sumnerator

very sincerely yours
E E Josef

Excuse pencil as my hand
shakes from nerves from the
past my work and am a kid
of 87 past

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January 10th, 1898

A THRILLING FLAG RAISING RECALLED

**An old soldier's reminiscence about President Lincoln
Editor American Carpet & Upholstery Trade:**

As Philadelphia made the first star spangled banner, the following relating to President Lincoln's stop in Philadelphia in February, 1861, should interest your readers:

President Lincoln remained in Philadelphia the night of February 21st. During the night a small platform was erected on Chestnut Street in front of Old Independence Hall.

Early in the morning of the 22d, the Mayor and City Council escorted Mr. Lincoln to this platform, where he delivered a short address, and the Marine Band from the Navy Yard played several airs. The most impressive incident was Mr. Lincoln's raising the flag to the top of the flagstaff on Independence Hall as the sunrise gun was fired off at the Navy Yard.

A peculiar incident occurred while Lincoln was raising the flag. Mr. Plumbley, a prominent man at that time in Philadelphia, was standing near Lincoln. He reached over and grasped the halyards to assist Mr. Lincoln, but Lincoln, passing both lines into his left hand, and raising his hat slightly, said, "I do this alone;" then, taking the halyards in both hands, continued his work till the flag, which was rolled up in a ball, had reached the top of the staff. He then gave the halyards in his right hand a sudden jerk. This freed the flag, which now proudly floated out to the southwest on the morning breeze. The band then played the "Star Spangled Banner," and the people shouted. *

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fact note
* #2 In proof days of the flag itself that

The unfurling of that flag was one of the grandest of sights. This was the first time that flag had ever been rove to any halyards. It had been presented to the city of Philadelphia, a year or two before, by the crew of the old frigate Congress, that was afterward destroyed by the Merrimac in Hampton Roads.

The way Philadelphia came by this flag was, the crew of the Congress, while cruising in the Chinese seas, made this flag, which was very handsome, and of silk.

They agreed that the first American Port where they would be paid off should be presented with this flag, and Philadelphia happened to be that place; so, when they came into port the crew marched up from the Navy Yard, with band playing and the flag stretched out, and carried by the crew, who grasped the edges as they came up Chestnut Street. They occupied the full width of the street, for the flag stretched from curb to curb. It was presented to the Mayor and City Council at Independence Hall. I should like to know how many are alive to-day who saw and remember the above incidents.

days E. E. JOSEF, BUFFALO, N. Y.

*How many are alive to day
when you and remember
these incidents
there was a slight flurry of snow*

Yours very truly
E E Josef
June 21/23