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Ida M. Tarbell.

Dear Madam: I've just finished reading your Article in July number of McClure's. It recalls to my mind a couple of Mr. Lincoln's remarks which you may not have a record of and I presume to send them herewith. If worth anything to you, use them: if not — no harm is done. — During the spirited canvas with Stephen A. Douglas it was usual for them to speak from the same rostrum to the same audience. It was at Jonesboro' in the southern part of Illinois. Douglas had spoken first, and had seemingly captured the audience, finishing with satisfaction to himself as they cheered his closing remarks. Mr. Lincoln stepped forward promptly to answer his learned opponent, smiling pleasantly at the crowd as he hastily removed his overcoat. Tossing it to a young man near by, he remarked, in a clear voice, —

"There, You hold my clothes while I clone Stephen!"

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This caught the attention of the audience, created a laugh in his favor, and gave him a place in their sympathy which he held to the end of his speech.

The other incident is a single remark made to Ex. Gov. Yates when he called once at the White House for an interview. Mr Lincoln, being disengaged at the moment, had gone into an ante-room, and was vigorously brushing his boots. Gov. Yates accosted him familiarly, "Why, Mr. Lincoln! Do you black your boots?" To this query Mr Lincoln facetiously replied, "Certainly, I do, Dick: Whose boots do you black?" The rejoinder was so apt that the laugh was mutual as well as hearty, and attention was then directed to matters of more importance.

Trusting these may be of use to you, I remain

Very respectfully

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