



FIVE BLOCKS FROM THE WHITE HOUSE

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Miss Ida Tarbell

Dear Miss Tarbell: -

While digging
through some old files the
other day in the library of
Congress I run across some -
thing I never saw before in
connection with Lincoln's
life and remembering your
position as biographer of the
great American I wondered
if you had ever discovered
this item. During the campaign
some one it seems referred
to Lincoln as being unscrupulous,
the back woodsman variety, and
in general denigrate of the

the grace and so expressed
himself. At that, a close
acquaintance and admirer
of the then ordinary candidate
for Illinois replied "Friend
you are right; neither the
abolitionist or the dancing
master had anything to do
with the nobility of that
man. God almighty might
Abraham Lincoln. I would
duly appreciate learning whether
this item is any where current
in such literature.

Sincerely yours

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