

Dear Mrs. Tarbell.

I would like you to settle a dispute between an old friend and myself. More than two years ago the subject of Lincoln came up and she spoke of his being illegitimate which I denied. One word led to another and she contended that "every one knew it for a fact". I said if she did not retract her statement I would leave her house and never enter it again.

She refused and I left without  
saying good bys and have not since  
seen her. This happened in San Francisco.

I have read your articles in  
the Union and feel that you will  
be authority. I told the lady even  
if her statement were true, it was  
not very charitable for her to  
repeat it.

yours very truly,

Mrs. D. Robinson  
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