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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

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Dear Miss Tarbell

For a number of years I have been collecting interesting incidents and illustrations concerning the life of President Lincoln, In speaking of the collection recently a lady made the remark that she 'never could bear the thought or name of Lincoln, because he was a visitor at her father's house as a friend and she as a little girl would leave the room because Lincoln was so filthy in the use of tobacco, around his mouth and on his clothes'

In all my readings I have never seen anything that leads me to believe Mr Lincoln ever used tobacco in any form, but am anxious to satisfy myself on the subject and write you asking your opinion believing you to be authority on Mr Lincoln's life and habits,  
I am

Very respectfully

A. E. Allen

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