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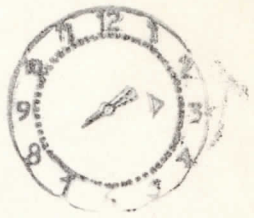

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March 28, 1925.

The Dearborn Independent,
Dearborn, Michigan.

Dear Sirs:-

Inclosed, you will find my check for $1.50 for which you will please send me your paper for one year.

I notice from your issue of March 21st that you expect to publish a refutation of the claim that John Wilkes Booth, the assassin of President Lincoln, escaped and lived for many years after it was supposed that he was killed at the Garrett farm. In 1903 and 1908 when Mr. Finis L. Bates was putting forth his claims and his book to this effect, I was secretary of the Tennessse Valley Historical Society, and took some interest in this question. Mr. Bates offered as witnesses in behalf of his theory the famous actor and actress Joseph Jefferson and Clara Morris, claiming that they had identified the man who had recently committed suicide at Enid, Oklahoma, as being John Wilkes Booth. I took the matter up by personal correspondence with both Joseph Jefferson and Clara Morris, and have in my possession letters from both of them denying that they had ever made any such identification. If you think this correspondence would add any thing to the proofs you have, I would be glad to furnish you with copies of it, or even to lend you the originals for a short time.

Very truly yours,

O. D. Street.