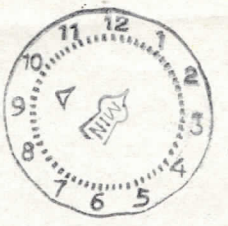
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Mr. F. L. Black,
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Dearborn, Michigan.

Dear Mr. Black:-

I wrote you this morning, but forgot to tell you what I am going to tell you in this letter. I want to borrow the cuts that were used on page four of the February 7th issue of the Independent, because they are excellent cuts and I can use them in my Life of Lincoln.

The reason why I am writing now is that they will destroy the cuts, for they will not use them again. When I borrowed the cuts for that reprint, of which I sent you a copy this morning, they told me to destroy them when I had finished with them, as they did not want them returned. Now, if they will keep these cuts there and not destroy them, all well and good but, if not, then I would like to have them sent to me and I will return them when I have finished with them, if they want them returned.

I will have a chapter on the grave of Ann Rutledge and that cut that appears in the February 7th issue is just what I want, and I also want the monument and the room inside of the Tomb and also the Lincoln home is a very pleasing cut.

I am sorry to bother you, but really it is such a pleasure to write people who are interested that a person is inclined to go a little too far for favors.

Mr. Fay, of Springfield, got a quantity of the February 7th number of the Independent and they were not folded and he gave me three copies as well as Mr. Tallman of Wilmington, Delaware, who met me by appointment at Springfield and we visited all of the places shown on page four, with a great deal of profit to us both. It was Mr. Tallman's first visit to these places: Of course, I had been there before but it is such a pleasure to be a guide, in which capacity I acted for Mr. Tallman.

Yours very cordially,

JOSEPH BENJAMIN OAKLEAF.

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Mr T. is V.P. of the Peck Powder Co.