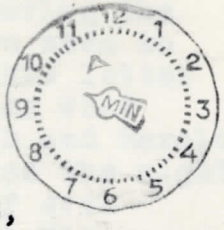
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Mr. F. L. Black,
c/o The Dearborn Independent,
Dearborn, Mich.

Dear Sir:

I have followed with a great deal of interest your serial article on the "Booth Myth" recently concluded in the DEARBORN INDEPENDENT and believe that you have rendered a real service to the American people by clearing up and disposing of this question.

I have read a number of articles on the subject, including the one by Dr. Porter, published in the April 1911, issue of the Columbian Magazine, to which you make reference and also a series of articles appearing in the Gazette Times (Pittsburg, Pa.) in April 1915. I believe the statements made in these articles are, for the most part authentic,-- in fact, the investigation you have made substantially confirms the correctness of same.

There are, however, one or two questions incidental to the affair that I

have never seen answered which perhaps you may have disclosed in or during the very thorough investigation you seem to have made and the purpose of this letter is to inquire if you can tell me what became of the horses that Booth and Herold rode out of Washington, D. C.,on the night of April 14, 1865? Were they ever found? Also what disposition was made of the remains of Mrs. Surratt, Atzerodt, Payne and Herold, after their bodies had been removed to the old storage warehouse on the Arsenal grounds in 1867? Were Cox, Jones, Jett, Ruggles, Bainbridge and Mrs. Quesenberry, ever punished for the part they took in aiding the assins? Can you give me reference to any authentic books bearing on the case and where they may be procured?

Thanking you in advance for this information, I am,

Very truly yours,

W. H. ATKINS.