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Mr Bates next attempted to convince Joseph Jefferson that John St Helen was John Wilkes Booth. but according to the following story did not make much of an impression.

JOSEPH JEFFERSON

Confirms the Story About Mr. Bates

and the Picture.

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BUZZARD'S BAY. June 3-Joseph Jefferson confirms the report that F. L. Bates came to see him in Memphis, Tenn., about six weeks ago, and that Bates showed him a tintype which he (Bates) said was John Wilkes Booth. Mr. Jefferson, when first shown the picture, said he could not remember of ever having met the man. When Bates told him it was a picture of Booth, Mr. Jefferson admitted that the picture bore a resemblance to the Booth family, and, further, that it might be a picture of Booth if the latter had lived.

The picture was of a man about 55 years of age. It was badly disfigured and was evidently not taken recently.
