It is sometimes suggested, that by letting the clerks of stores have their evenings, they may spend them badly. Similar logic would suggest that by letting a man have the use of his legs he might run off the dock, and get drowned.

- Walt Whitman.



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Mr F L. Black.
Dearborn Mich.

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Dear Mr Black; I am not busy today and I believe I will write you again about the Booth, St Helen, Newton subject. I wrote you a long letter about a week ago but lost it out of my pocket. I wrote the War Department about the photograph of the body they brought and officially identified as the body of Booth. I had a letter stating that no mention of photograph could be found in the files of the War Department. Did you run across it in any of the departments among the other proofs of his identity? Do you know who was Booth's sweetheart? The reason I want to know is that Newton named his oldest daughter "Mary Agnes" after his mother, of Course, and I thought perhaps after his sweetheart also. I note that his brother, Junius Brutus, married Agnes Perry about two years after the death of Lincoln, and it seems to me that some one in the past told me that Booth's brother later married his sweetheart. Do you know anything about it? Do you know the day and month of Booth's birth? Newton gave the 10th of May 1841 as his birth day. The year does not correspond and I thought the month and day might. I wish we could get together I have so much to tell you and show you that is convincing that I know you would change your conclusion. I used to have a hard time reconciling what Baker and the other witnesses said about his capture and death, and his presence down here in Kentucky. But at last it occurred to me that most of those witnesses were guilty of treason for aiding Booth and would have been willing to have sworn to anything to save their necks, and at the same time effect what they wished, that was, his escape. I had a hard time getting around the "J.W.B" tattoed and studied Newton's hand to see if I could see any trace of a tattoo on his hand, and I am glad I did for I noticed dark blue freckles on his left hand. Get your picture of St Helen and observe the back of the left hand and see what you find. If there was any "J.W.B" on his hand they put it there because in most of Booth's pictures the back of his right hand shows and there is no "J.W.B." tattoed there as you can see. I find the same freckles on one of Booth's hands pictures. While you are looking at the St Helen take a glass and see if you cannot see the scar about three inches below the left ear, a conserable pit. I never became excited over that scar on Newton's neck because somehow I had the impression that the scar Dr Day was supposed to identify him by was on the back of his neck. I am not going to tell you any more now but wait till I see you.

Very Truly Yours B H Franks

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3rd wife

Mrs Agnes Perry

1867

the 2nd wife of Harry Perry
an actor

Brown's Hist Am Stage
pub 1870

Say Born in 1838

a miss Agnes Land Rooker
in San Francisco
Feb 11, 1861.
He died there Jan 2, 62
first came to New York
Oct 1865

Mary Anne Holleran

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