



FIBROID TUMORS CURED.

Mrs. Hayes' First Letter Appealing to Mrs. Pinkham for Help:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I have been under Boston doctors' treatment for a long time without any relief. They tell me I have a fibroid tumor. I cannot sit down without great pain, and the soreness extends up my spine. I have bearing-down pains both back and front. My abdomen is swollen, and I have had flowing spells for three years. My appetite is not good. I cannot walk or be on my feet for any length of time.

"The symptoms of Fibroid Tumor given in your little book accurately describe my case, so I write to you for advice."—(Signed) MRS. E. F. HAYES, 252 Dudley St. (Roxbury), Boston, Mass.

Mrs. Hayes' Second Letter:

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—Sometime ago I wrote to you describing my symptoms and asked your advice. You replied, and I followed all your directions carefully, and to-day I am a well woman.

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Lincoln's Boyhood

Writer in Eastern Paper Makes Public Some Interesting Facts Relating to the Life of the Great Emancipator.

A great many writers in the last few years have written short sketches of Mr. Lincoln's birth and early history, none of which agree in all particulars. For the want of proper information many of these writers have jumped at conclusions.

First of all was the shameful, damaging report that Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were never married. They lived in Hardin county, Ky., now Lauer county, and were supposed to have been married there. No marriage license could be found on record, hence the false report—no marriage.

The article appearing in the Larue Herald says:

"Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married in Washington county, Ky., came to Larue from Washington county, and their oldest child, Sallie, was probably born there."

So far so good. It also says Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks lived in Larue county "until Abe was about 15 years old."

Frequent mention has been made, too, in articles or sketches referred to of Mr. Lincoln's associates in Larue county. These could have been true—but for facts in history. Mr. Lincoln was born in 1809, and his parents moved to Indiana in 1816. There was an uncertainty about Mr. Lincoln's birthplace, claimed in Larue county, and on inquiry of Mr. Lincoln about it he said he was not born at the place suggested in letter; was told by his parents it occurred at another place, and his recollection was of the Knob Creek place.

An article of recent date about "Lincoln's Neglected Birthplace" says: "There never would have been any question about the place if it had not been for a fact which is perhaps generally unknown. There is no record in Hardin county or Larue of Thomas Lincoln as a land owner."

It says they claim a document in the form of a bond for \$100 from Thomas Lincoln for the support of Nancy Hanks.

Now the facts are these as related by Mr. W. F. Broker and William Hardesty—Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks were married in Washington county, Ky., June 10, 1806, at the home of Richard Berry. Thomas Lincoln did not realize the importance this marriage could be to his son and failed to impress upon him the date and place. It had been forgotten and the prominence of Mr. Lincoln brought it to the recollection of the few living when it came to be a matter of great moment.

To Mrs. C. H. Vawter of Indianapolis, Ind., must belong all the honor for the finding of the marriage license of Thos. Lincoln and Nancy Hanks. First she visited an old lady, Mrs. Litsey, living near Buchland P. O. and got a statement from her of the marriage of Thomas Lincoln to Nancy Hanks. This was the first statement ever published in regard to the marriage. Mrs. Vawter, then Miss Charlotte Hobart, boarding in my father's house and teaching school in Washington county, continued her pleading for a search in the clerk's office for said license until they were found.

Mrs. Vawter wrote the first article in vindication of Nancy Hanks when it was stated she was never married. Twenty years after this she received a letter from a lady in Cambridge, Mass., saying she had done more to vindicate Nancy Hanks than any one. In a letter to me last fall she says:

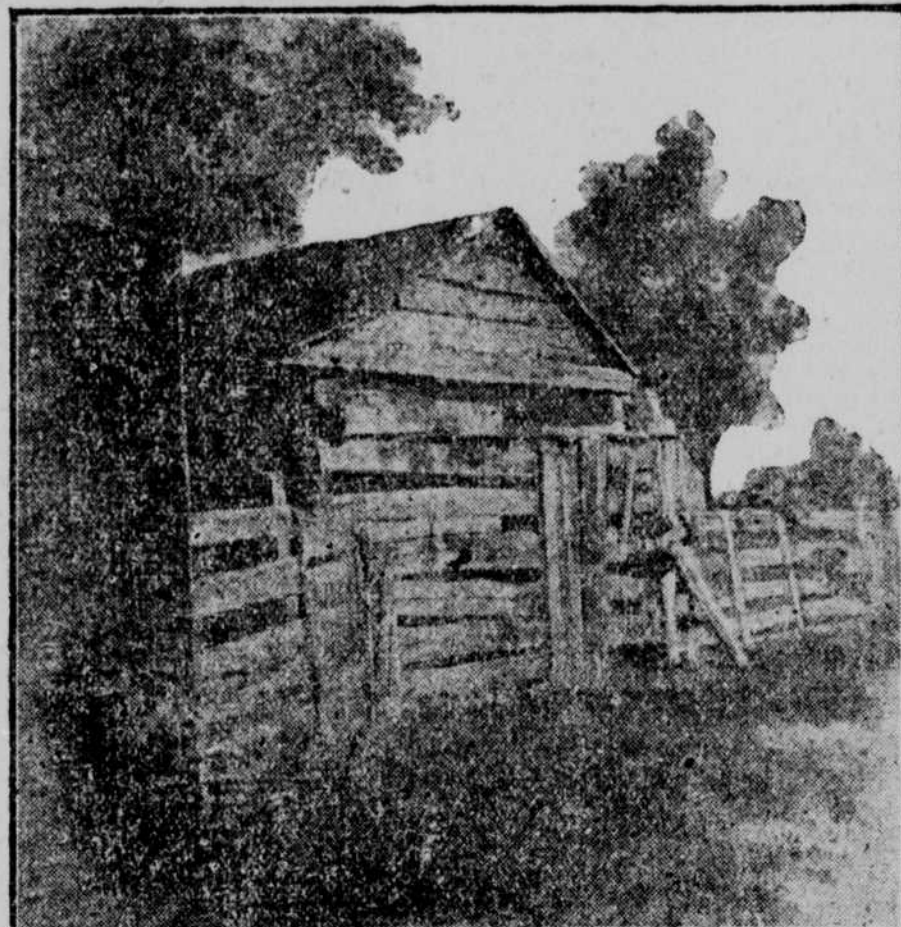
This information was furnished by Wm. Hardesty, an old man living near the Lincoln home. He told of the year in which the marriage took place between Thos. Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, and Dr. Graham, whose statement has been published, says Mr. Hardesty was present at the wedding.

During Mr. Lincoln's presidency this Mr. Hardesty and a great granddaughter of Richard Berry, Miss Jennie Redding, were passing the old Lincoln home, talking of the President, and Miss Jennie said: "Mr. Hardesty, history says Mr. Lincoln was born in Larue county." He replied, saying: "I don't care what history says—I know better."

concerned about what his grandson would be."

Mr. Lincoln had a mission to perform, and he seemed conscious of it. He started in the race with a heavy burden upon him. He was never rid of it. There were those who could have given him relief, but he knew them not. He was looking forward, not backward—mindful all the while of "what the grandson should be."

Mr. Lincoln was making history—not writing it. He did not live to see the end, but few, if any, great leaders ever do. They leave names to be honored and places in history of remembrance. Washington county, Kentucky, comes in for a large share in



LINCOLN'S BIRTHPLACE.

Mr. Broker, now living and clerk of Washington county, says: "It has been a disputed question between Washington county and Larue in regard to the birthplace of Mr. Lincoln, but from the record evidence in office and the statement made by Mr. Hardesty, there were two children born to Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks in the cabin now standing in this county. The first was a girl, who died in her infancy, and the second was a boy. This would bring it up to about 1809, the year A. Lincoln was born, and that Thomas Lincoln moved to Hardin county when this boy was about 18 months old."

Richard Berry, whose name is connected with a history of Thomas Lincoln and Nancy Hanks, was uncle to Nancy Hanks, and she was living in his house when she was married, and his name is signed to the marriage certificate as guardian of Nancy Hanks.

There have been many statements made concerning Mr. Lincoln's school and boyhood days in Kentucky—not intentionally overdrawn, but seemingly impossible. Mr. Lincoln was born in 1809, and in 1816 his father with family moved to Indiana.

It has been said Mr. Lincoln never had anything to say of his early life and history. He never knew. What

connection with Mr. Lincoln when the facts are all known.—Evan Rogers, in Boston Globe.

LINCOLN AND THE WHETSTONE.

Incident Remembered Well, Though Fifteen Years Had Elapsed.

Concerning the great height of Abraham Lincoln, the following story is told, which is said to be new. When a candidate for the Illinois Legislature and while making a personal canvass of his district, he one day took dinner with a farmer who also loaned him a whetstone with which to sharpen his knife. Years afterward, when Mr. Lincoln had become President, a soldier came to call on him at the White House. At the first glance, the chief executive said: "Yes, I remember you; you used to live on the Danville road. I took dinner with you when I was running for the legislature. I recollect that we stood talking out at the barnyard gate, while I sharpened my jack-knife."

"Y-a-a-s," drawled the soldier; "you did. But, say, where did you put that whetstone? I looked for it a dozen times, but I never could find it after the day you used it. We 'lowed as now, mebbe, you took it 'long with you."

"No," said Lincoln, looking serious



HIS HOME AT SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS.

"Mr. W. F. Booker gives the best reasons ever given for believing that A. Lincoln was born in that old cabin in Washington county, Ky.—a fact which she never heard disputed until about thirty years after Mr. Lincoln's death."

Mr. W. F. Booker was clerk of Washington county, Ky., when Mr. Lincoln first came into prominence, has held the office continuously since, and probably there is no man now living more familiar with the early history of Thos. Lincoln, his marriage and the birthplace of A. Lincoln. The records in the clerk's office were not kept then as now—there were no dates and the great question was: When and where did marriage occur?

and pushing away a lot of documents of state from the desk in front of him. "No, I put it on top of the gate post—that high one."

"Well," exclaimed the visitor, "mebbe you did. Couldn't nobody else have put it there, and none of us ever thought to look there for it."

The soldier was then on his way home, and when he got there the first thing he did was to look for the whetstone. And, sure enough, there it was, just where Lincoln had laid it fifteen years before. The honest fellow wrote a letter to the chief magistrate of the nation, telling him that the whetstone had been found, and would never be lost again.—Detroit Tribune.

SAVED LIFE OF LEE.

LINCOLN SPARED SON OF CONFEDERATE CHIEFTAIN.

Great-Hearted President, Touched by the Heroism of Southern Officer, Deferred Execution—War's Ending Settled the Matter for All Time.

President Lincoln's magnanimous disposition and kindly nature were never better exemplified than in a case during the Civil War in which two sons of the Confederate chieftain, Robert E. Lee, were involved, says the Washington Post. As narrated by one of the most hospitable and typical Virginians, himself a scion of a family noted for the brave deeds and heroic sacrifices, the story of Lincoln and the Lees reveals a depth of fraternal affection, chivalry and heroism of which Americans may justly be proud, no matter what state may claim their allegiance.

"It was after the battle of Brandy station, in which Gen. W. H. F. Lee, called by his father and family 'Rooney' Lee, was not only badly wounded, but captured by the Federal forces. Upon being taken to the headquarters of the Union army his identity became known and there was consequently great rejoicing over such a capture. Subsequently a Federal officer who had been captured by the Confederates was shot under peculiar circumstances and the captors of Rooney Lee determined that he should be executed by way of retaliation. A day had been fixed when he was to be shot at sunrise. In some manner Gen. Washington Parke Custis Lee, who once owned the Arlington estate, which was subsequently made a national cemetery by the United States government, learned of his brother's peril. By means of a flag of truce, Custis Lee appeared at the headquarters of the Union commander, who cordially received him and inquired the nature of his visit.

"To save my brother's life, if possible," was the reply, "and return him to his wife and children. You must know, general, continued Custis Lee, 'I am a bachelor, and not only that, but I outrank my brother, who is a brigadier-general, while I am a major-general. If any one is to suffer, for the unfortunate occurrence by which one of your officers forfeited his life, let the blow fall upon me. There will be no one to grieve and worry about me, for I am a single man and a soldier, able and willing to abide by the arbitration of war. With my brother it is different, for he is a man of family, with a wife and four little ones awaiting him at home. He knows nothing of my visit, neither does our father—Gen. Robert E. Lee. Knowing both of them as I do, it is my conjecture that if my purpose had been communicated to either of them they would have endeavored to dissuade me from such an undertaking. Consequently I have come to your headquarters of my own volition, and without any advice whatever, either from my family or friends. Give me my brother's life for his family's sake, and take mine as a means of retaliation for a regrettable and unlooked-for act of war and its misery."

"Moved by this appeal the Union general pointed out to his visitor that what he asked was not in his power to grant. 'Lots were drawn for the execution,' he said, 'and fate willed it that your brother should draw the fatal number. A time has been fixed for the execution, the necessary orders have been given and it only remains to carry out the details. There is nobody to help you in your extremity unless President Lincoln at Washington sees fit to interfere.'

"This suggestion, coming from the source it did, aroused a gleam of hope within the bosom of Custis Lee, and he inquired of the Federal commander whether it would be possible to stay the execution of the death sentence until President Lincoln could be informed of the circumstances. "'Most assuredly,' was the reply, 'and, furthermore, he shall be informed of your heroic and brotherly offer of sacrifice immediately.'

"This officer kept faith to the letter," continued the narrator, "and sent a detailed account of his interview with Custis Lee to the President of the United States, Abraham Lincoln. Within a few hours after the message was received at Washington there came a reply from President Lincoln to the Federal commander, saying: 'I know Custis Lee means what he says. Defer the execution of his brother until you receive further orders from me.'

"These orders never came," concluded the host, "for shortly afterward W. H. F. Lee was exchanged for a Federal officer of the rank of a brigadier-general and at once set out to rejoin his family. His devoted wife in the meanwhile learning the story of his capture and sentence and having no means for ascertaining his subsequent whereabouts had pined away and died. Scarlet fever had carried off his four children, so that it was to a darkened and desolate bedside that Rooney Lee returned out of the jaws of death. He knew nothing at this time of the offer made by his brother to take his place and it was not until long after the Civil War had ended that he learned what the big-hearted Abraham Lincoln had done.

"Is it any wonder," continued the narrator, "that men of the south revere the memory of Lincoln? It was the darkest day in our history when he fell by an assassin's act, and none deplored his untimely end more than brave 'Old Mars Robert' and his sons Custis and Rooney Lee, the last named afterward a congressman at Washington. A son of Rooney Lee, by a subsequent marriage, is now a member of the Virginia legislature.

Maple Sugar Cookies. Shave and roll enough maple sugar to make three cupsful; cream with a cup of butter; add a cup of sour cream or milk and two beaten eggs. Mix a teaspoonful of baking soda with a cup of flour; add to the mixture with enough more flour to make a dough that will roll out easily. Keep dough as cold as possible while cutting and rolling. Bake in a quick oven.

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Maple Custard. Break four eggs into a bowl or saucepan and beat them a few minutes, then add a cup of rolled maple sugar, one tablespoonful of corn starch, a pinch of salt and a grating of nutmeg, beat all together until smooth and thick, then add two quarts of warmed milk and when thoroughly mixed turn into a baking dish, set this in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven until the custard is firm in the center.

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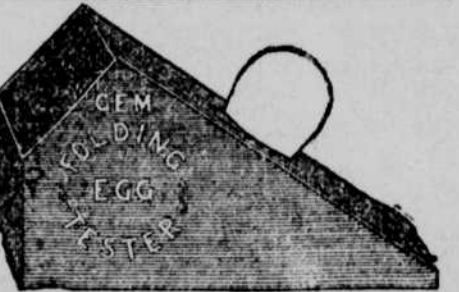
Beat a cup of fine granulated sugar to a cream with two ounces of butter, add the beaten yolks of two eggs, and then the beaten white of one. Sift two teaspoonfuls of baking powder with two scant cups of sifted flour. Add to the other materials, alternating with half a cup of milk. Bake in two layers and put together with the following: Boil a cup of maple syrup until it will spin a thread and then pour gradually into the beaten whites of two eggs, continue to beat until thick enough to spread.

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