

Reward of Merit.
 "Go on, sah! Go on and blow yo' hawn 'bout who yo' is and what yo' done!" impatiently said old Brother Bogus. "But lemme specify dat I see de on'y extinguished citizen o' dis town dat de president o' de railroad—dis yuh road, right yuh!—paid any 'tention to when he went th'oo in his special kyah last week. Yassa! I wuz yuh when de train passed—right on dis spot!—and dat 'ar po'tly white man gimme a fine seegyah; flung it to me out'n de window o' de kyah, and 'I wuz lit, too!'—Puck.

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ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S SUBSTITUTE

By PROF. BERNARD J. CIGRAND
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A BRAHAM LINCOLN had a substitute who served as a defender of the Union through the bloody and epoch-making period of the Civil war. This assertion has been made many times before. It has aroused bitter controversy in various quarters; it has given birth to columns of print, both in support of and denial of its truth. Now, for the first time, evidence is here presented that the story of Lincoln's substitute is correct—evidence in the unassailable shape of an official acknowledgment from the federal government.

The exemption of the president of the United States from the taking up of arms, or serving on an actual field of battle, is provided for by a special statute drawn up to meet such a contingency. But there is nothing to prevent the nation's chief executive from sending forth a substitute to fight in his place, although Lincoln was the only occupant of the White House who ever took advantage of this fact. The man who represented in his person that of the martyred president was John Summerfield Staples, whose body now lies at rest in a little cemetery at Stroudsburg, Pa. The tombstone above his grave, photograph of which is here reproduced, testifies not only to Staples' war record, but states in granite letters the fact of his having served as Abraham Lincoln's substitute. The inscription in question reads as follows:

J. Summerfield Staples,
 a Private of
 Co. C, 176 Regt., P. V.
 Also a Member of the
 2 Regt. D. C. Vols., as a
 Substitute for
 ABRAHAM LINCOLN.
 Died Jan. 11, 1888.

Aged 43 Years, 4 Mos., 25 Days.
 His grave also bears the G. A. R. marker, a metallic star upon which the words "Post 150" appear. A small American flag flutters in the breeze, but the outside world seems little informed as to the career of this patriotic and distinguished soldier boy.

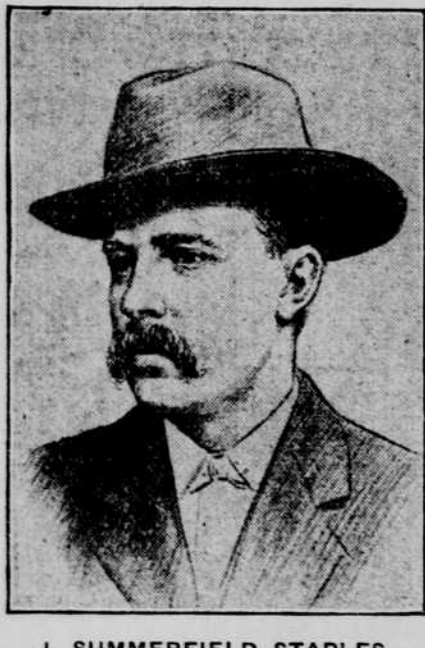
I had heard the tradition that Lincoln during the dark days of 1864 had sent a substitute to the front. But to confirm the truth of the tradition was quite another matter. The popular opinion of those I consulted appeared to be that the tale of Lincoln's substitute belonged in the myth category, and had no more foundation in sober fact than the legend of Washington and the cherry tree. Men high



J. SUMMERFIELD STAPLES.
 "Lincoln's Substitute." From a Photograph Taken at the Time He Went to the Front in Lincoln's Stead.

In the ranks of the Grand Army of the Republic assured me that they were certain that "Old Abe" was unrepresented in the ranks of the boys in blue. For all that it seemed to me that the story was something more than one of those romantic incidents so frequently quoted as having occurred in the lives of famous men after they had passed over to the great majority; incidents lending color to laudatory biographical sketches, but rejected by the thoughtful historian as being formed of "the stuff dreams are made of." Lincoln, with his exalted ideals, his stern devotion to duty, his undying love for the Union and all that it represented, was exactly the type of man to consider himself at fault if he neglected to make every possible sacrifice in his power to the cause he held dearer than life.

I corresponded with the federal authorities at Washington on the subject, but the replies I received did not tend to bring me any closer to the goal. Instead they asserted positively that the reported tradition was entirely without foundation. A letter from the war department stated emphatically:



J. SUMMERFIELD STAPLES.
 "Lincoln's Substitute." From a Photograph Taken a Few Years Before His Death.

"It does not appear from the official records of the department that President Lincoln ever furnished a substitute." Another informed me that "Abraham Lincoln was not liable to draft," a fact of which I was already well aware. Had not such been the case the employment of a substitute would have lost all significance. But a personal search through the official records of the Civil war brought to light a reference to "Abraham Lincoln, principal, and John Staples, recruit, both of the District of Columbia." And on another page appeared an entry to the effect that Lincoln wished a representative recruit, and same was assigned as private to Company H of the Second regiment, D. C. Infantry. With these entries as a base of operations it became possible to trace the substitute, and the discovery was made that John S. Staples was buried in Stroudsburg, Pa. Further details were furnished by Mr. John W. Burnett of Massachusetts, a comrade of Staples, in the following letter:

"I well recall the military career of J. S. Staples of my regiment. The awful losses of the Union army, east and west, were weighing heavily on dear Lincoln, and he, with others in public life, were considering the desirability of having personal representatives in the field for those not eligible for service at all. According to my recollection, in the fall or late summer of 1864 Mr. Lincoln had a committee of citizens of the District of Columbia search for as perfect a specimen of physical manhood as could be found to become his representative recruit. This committee, or some of them, met my dear comrade (Staples) on the streets of Georgetown, and seeing his superbly compact form, and being at once satisfied that he was the man worthy to be Lincoln's representative in the army, they made a proposition to him, and the loyal boy—for he was but a boy—then signified his desire to fill the honorable position. He was soon afterward introduced to President Lincoln, and the latter gladly chose him as his representative."

Although the communication received from Mr. Burnett was as convincing as one could wish, yet it was clear that without governmental sanction there still would remain doubting Thomases who would dispute the claim made in behalf of the dead soldier. Therefore, the facts in the case were laid before the federal authorities, and I received from the office of the commissioner of pension at Washington an official statement confirming the entire tradition concerning Lincoln and his substitute. This document reads as follows:

Department of the Interior,
 Bureau of Pensions.
 Washington, May 11, 1910.
 "John Summerfield Staples, residing at Stroudsburg, Pa., filed an application for pension in 1882, stating that in the Civil war he had served in Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania militia, and afterwards in Company H, Second District of Columbia Infantry, and that in his second enlistment he was a substitute for President Lincoln.

"The records show that said soldier enlisted November 2, 1862, in Company C, One Hundred and Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania militia, that he was honorably discharged May 5, 1863, and that he afterward enlisted April 3, 1864, in Company H, Second District of Columbia Infantry, from which he was honorably discharged at Alexandria, Va., September 12, 1865, and the record also show that in this last service he was enrolled as a representative recruit for Abraham Lincoln, who was not liable to draft.

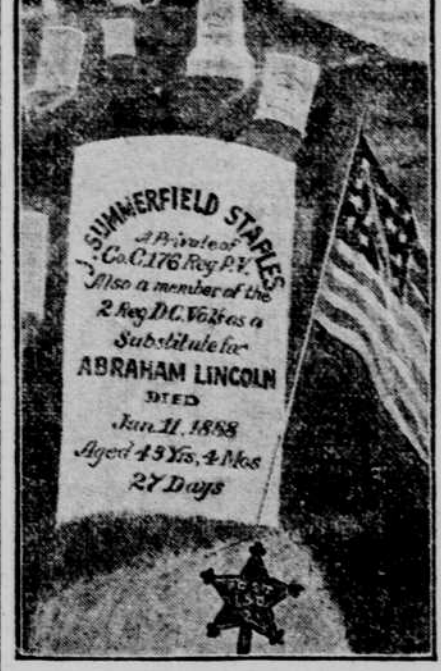
"It is shown by the papers on file in this case that during the war President Lincoln decided that he would place in the army a substitute to the credit of the District of Columbia, and that he communicated his desire to do so to the provost marshal of the district, with a request that he select the person who should be placed in the service, and that the provost marshal then sent for Noble D. Larnier, then a prominent citizen of this city, and stated to him the president's wishes, and Mr. Larnier afterward succeeded in getting the substitute in the person

of Mr. Staples, and he was afterward mustered into the service.
 "This is about all the information I can give you with reference to the matter, and would suggest that if you desire to learn anything about the private life of Mr. Staples you might write to the postmaster or some other person at Stroudsburg, Pa., where Mr. Staples lived and where he died January 11, 1888."
 (signed) J. L. DAVENPORT,
 Commissioner.

There are several people still living in Stroudsburg who knew Staples and remember that to him belonged the unique distinction of representing Lincoln on the field of battle. Among their number are J. T. Palmer, postmaster and principal of the public school; C. L. Drake, editor of the Stroudsburg Times, and Representative A. Mitchell Palmer of Pennsylvania. It was characteristic of Lincoln that he kept the matter from the public press, and a like modesty seems to have imposed silence on the young soldier who served his country so well.

One does not have to make a very exhaustive study of Lincoln's character in order to understand the motive which led him to send a substitute to represent him in the scenes of the bloody drama then being enacted throughout the land. His conscience was not of that easily satisfied variety which contents itself with allowing things to remain as they are, without indulging in exertion for the common good. His was the hand which was steering the Ship of State through tempest and crash of hostile guns, yet great as was the task assigned him, he perceived with the eagle eye that watched the course of action, a post still unfulfilled, an unoccupied niche where a combatant could be placed to strike in behalf of the Union. To that post he resolved to appoint a representative, that he might be practically in person—as he was already in spirit—on the red field of carnage. It was done quietly, in that simple, unostentatious manner that distinguished all of Lincoln's acts, whether in official or private life. He never played to the gallery, and the verdict of his own conscience was all he cared about.

While this is probably the only case in history where the leader of a nation sent a substitute to fill his place in the ranks of fighting men, a sort of precedent may be said to be found in the custom, but recently fallen into disuse, of appointing a "king's champion," who was supposed to offer his body in opposition to any challenger of the reigning monarch of Great Britain. Until the accession of the late King Edward VII. to the crown of England, this functionary was a member of the royal entourage. Whenever the new king was publicly crowned the "champion" appeared before



Grave of J. Summerfield Staples, in the Cemetery at Stroudsburg, Pa.

the assembled multitude clad in martial gear, and casting down a gauntlet upon the ground, defied to mortal combat any person or persons having quarrel with or denying the right of the potentate to reign over the land. This custom dated back to the strenuous days when a monarch was also an active man-at-arms, and likely to meet in a hand-to-hand engagement with some persistent foe at any time or place. Hence the institution of "king's champion," appointed to keep all challengers at bay, a hereditary honor, and one that was held for many generations by the descendants of the Dymoke family. But Edward VII., who possessed an unusually strong sense of the ridiculous, refused to permit this heroic burlesque of a mediaeval custom to be introduced into the splendid pageantry at his coronation and abolished the office of a wazlike substitute forever.

Nourishment for Invalids.
 When the appetite has failed, as in the case of convalescents and many weak children, nourishment is of prime importance. There is a capital way to administer it, which rarely fails even in extreme cases. To the white of an egg add the juice of an orange and the least bit of sugar. Strain the mixture carefully and set it away until it is very cold. Then it may be served as "orange jelly," either with or without a cracker.

Yets this presupposes that history repeats itself. We can of course never prove that it does not; but we can assert that it does not, with all the intensity of the faith that is in us. We are not squirrels going round in a cage, and could we see any complex epoch in the past as well as we can any period in the present, we should see the difference; and where the eye of the mind fails we have the right to see by the eye of faith.—Jesse Benedict Carter, in the Atlantic.

HOUSEWORK IS A HEAVY BURDEN

The woman who "keeps house" has enough to do when she is in good, sound health, but if she is weak, tired all the time, and suffering from morning to night with an aching back, house-work becomes a heavy burden.

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OF THE AGE OF CHIVALRY

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 "Come back, Fatty!" the other boys shrieked. "You'll bust it all in, an' den you'll both be drowned!"
 But the fat boy, flat on his stomach and spread out to his widest extent, ignored these warning cries and steadily crept toward the black hole and Tommy's clinging fingers.
 Once the ice made a cracking sound and the watchers yelled with dismay. But the fat boy did not halt. Nearer and nearer he came, and finally his outstretched hands caught those clinging fingers and drew the small boy, little by little, onto the firmer ice and so to safety.
 "What did you do it fer, Fatty?" one of the boys tearfully remonstrated.
 "Aw," replied the hero. "I knew what I lost in weight I made up in wideness, see?"
 Then his face softened.
 "Besides," he bashfully said, "I'm sweet on Tommy's sister!"

PIMPLES COVERED HIS BACK

"My troubles began along in the summer in the hottest weather and took the form of small eruptions and itching and a kind of smarting pain. It took me mostly all over my back and kept getting worse until finally my back was covered with a mass of pimples which would burn and itch at night so that I could hardly stand it. This condition kept getting worse and worse until my back was a solid mass of big sores which would break open and run. My underclothing would be a clot of blood.
 "I tried various remedies and salves for nearly three years and I was not getting any benefit. It seemed I was in eternal misery and could not sleep on my back or lean on a chair. I was finally given a set of the Cuticura Remedies and inside of two weeks I could see and feel a great relief. I kept on using Cuticura Soap, Ointment and also the Resolvent, and in about three or four months' time my back was nearly cured and I felt like a new being. Now I am in good health and no sign of any skin diseases and I am fully satisfied that Cuticura Remedies are the best ever made for skin diseases. I would not be without them."
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 "I'm sorry, dear," replied Stouly. "but there are some things that are beyond my reach."
 "Numerical Logic.
 "What makes you think Jones is on his feet again in the factory?"
 "I noticed he had so many hands."

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 Tatterton Torn—Wot drove you to drink, T'risty?
 Thirsty Thingumbob—Me love for a woman.

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