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Hon A B Lincoln

Dear Sir

My father has just come from the Fair and brought home your picture and Mr. Hamblin's. I am a little girl only eleven years old, but want you should be President of the United States very much so I hope you wont think me very bold to write to such a great man as you are. Have you any little girls about as large as I am if so give them my love and tell her to write to me if you cannot answer this letter. I have got 4 brothers and part of them will vote for you any way and if you will let your whiskers grow I will try and get the rest of them to vote for you you would look a great deal better for your face is so thin. All the ladies like whiskers and they would tease

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their husbands to vote for you and then you
would be President. My father is a going to
vote for you and if I was a man I would
vote for you to but I will try and get
every one to vote for you that I can I think
that rail fence around your picture makes it
look very pretty I have ~~just~~ got a little baby
sister she is nine weeks old and is just as
cunning as can be. When you direct your letter
direct to Grace Bedell Westfield
Schutongue County New York
I must not write any more answer
this letter right off Good bye
Grace Bedell



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