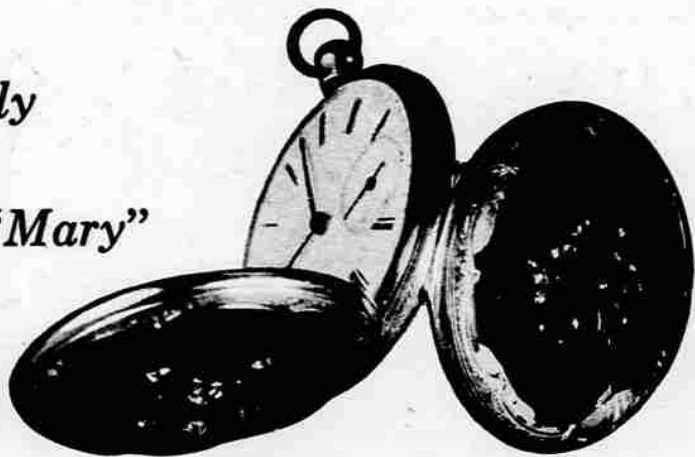


The watch was beautiful,
but its inscription pledged Abe's
love to an entirely
different young "Mary"



Lincoln's wedding present for Mary Todd cost him \$300. The case is gold and blue enamel, set with sprays of rose diamonds.

came ill and dispirited. His close friend, Joshua Speed, persuaded him to take a trip. But Joshua, himself a bachelor and also fearful of matrimony, did little to reassure his friend.

Lincoln returned to the Springfield home of William Butler, where he boarded, on the evening of Jan. 14. Miss Curtis, who was visiting there, tried to distract him. She described the balls and parties she had attended, the people who had been present. The Butlers discreetly disappeared and left Mary to entertain their unhappy boarder.

Lincoln, always polite and gentle with women, sat quietly as Mary chattered, but it was obvious even to Miss Curtis, who later described him as "pale and nervous," that he was not really listening. Suddenly Lincoln rose and putting his hand in his waistcoat pocket, said, "Mary, I've got something for you." Handing her the blue watch, he walked out without another word and went upstairs to his room.

HISTORIANS have speculated as to why Lincoln gave the watch he had chosen so carefully to the wrong Mary. Did he give it away because he wished to rid himself of a memento that reminded him so poignantly of what might have been? Or did the very name Mary confuse him so that he gave the watch he had carried next to his heart for many weeks to the wrong girl?

Mary Curtis returned home to Louisville, Ky., the next morning. She took the watch with her. Is it possible that Mary Curtis, who knew Mary Todd and was courted by some of the same men, thought herself engaged to Mr. Lincoln as a result of the extraordinary gift? She later revealed that not until she opened the watch to wind it did she see the inscription to Mary Todd.

Lincoln and Miss Todd remained estranged for more than a year, but they were still in love. Friends managed to bring them together during the summer of 1842. There had been so much talk over the

broken engagement that Lincoln and Mary decided it best to keep their plans to themselves. For the next several months they met secretly, and on Nov. 4, 1842, they were married in an impromptu ceremony with only a few friends present.

Mary Curtis, who never married, kept the watch hidden in a trunk for 31 years. Not until after Lincoln's death did she reveal the incident in which she became the recipient of a wedding gift meant for the other Mary.

Shortly before her death, Miss Curtis presented the watch to a girlhood friend, Miss Elizabeth DeWitt, then living in Washington. In a letter which has been preserved with the watch, Mary Curtis wrote:

July 7, 1872

My Dear Elizabeth...

Your birthday is on the 29th. You see, I remember it always, and I want you to make me very happy this year and accept a present that will give me much happiness in the giving, as it was a very happy and sad remembrance.

Do you remember the beautiful blue watch with the diamond stones our beloved President Lincoln gave me that memorable afternoon of January, 1841, with the inscription inside: "To Miss Mary Todd from A. L., 1841"? Well, I want you to accept it from me and keep it as a remembrance of me, when I pass to the great beyond, dear Elizabeth.

I feel sure you will do this for me as it will make me very happy. I will send the watch by Harry upon his return. Doctor White feels that my cold is improving and I will be well again this summer.

Good-bye, dearest faithful friend. I so hope to see you soon.

With all my love,
Mary

Today, the beautiful Lincoln watch is part of a collection in the Lincoln library in Shippensburg, Pa.

Relief! When Nose fills up Spoils Sleep!

It's wonderful the way a few drops of Vicks Va-tro-nol bring relief when your nose fills up at night, spoils sleep. Va-tro-nol acts 10 to 15 times faster than decongestant tablets... comforts hours longer than watery sprays.

In seconds, Va-tro-nol shrinks swollen membranes, clears congestion. You can breathe again... sleep again. Get it at drug counters.

Vicks Va-tro-nol NOSE DROPS

DOES WAKING Up NIGHTS MAKE YOU FEEL OLD

NEW YORK—Special: Thanks to new, scientific laboratory formulation, thousands of men and women now escape feeling old, tired, irritable and depressed from losing sleep and worrying about "Bladder Weakness"—Getting Up Nights or Bed Wetting, due to common Kidney or Bladder Irritations, which often result in secondary Backache, Headache and Nervousness. In such cases New Improved Cystex usually gives quick, calming relief by combating irritating germs in acid urine; and by relaxing, analgesic pain relief. Safe for young and old. Get Cystex at druggist. Feel better fast.

FALSE TEETH That Loosen Need Not Embarrass

Many wearers of false teeth have suffered real embarrassment because their plate dropped, slipped or wobbled at just the wrong time. Do not live in fear of this happening to you. Just sprinkle a little FASTEETH, the alkaline (non-acid) powder, on your plates. Hold false teeth more firmly, so they feel more comfortable. Does not sour. Checks "plate odor breath". Get FASTEETH at drug counters everywhere.

DRIVE SAFELY

Research finds new fast way to shrink hemorrhoids without surgery

Today there's a fast new way to shrink hemorrhoid tissues, stop pain and itching—all without surgery. The name of this medication: The PAZO Formula.

CLINICALLY TESTED BY DOCTORS. The PAZO Formula does more than just shrink hemorrhoid tissue. It also contains specific ingredients to relieve pain and itching promptly, fight infection, promote healing, and lubricate membranes.

WORKS FAST. Soon after using The PAZO Formula, you sit, stand, walk, and enjoy active sports in comfort. This superior over-all medication brings symptomatic relief even to long-time pile sufferers.

AVAILABLE NOW in stainless suppositories or ointment at your druggist's. Get faster, more complete relief without surgery. Get...

The **PAZO** Formula

Another Fine Product of Grove Laboratories



Now!

Shave your "tender zone" without skin irritation

or your money back!

Special live action lather does it!

Colgate Instant Shave actually shaves the "Tender Zone" under your chin as smoothly as your face. Amazing live action lather is charged with activated moisture that softens whiskers for the quickest, closest shave possible... without irritating nicks or scrapes. Get new Colgate Instant Shave.

MONEY-BACK GUARANTEE. If not completely satisfied with Colgate Instant Shave, send the package to Colgate-Palmolive Company for a full refund.

New

COLGATE
Instant Shave
No better
shave cream
at any price **69¢**



If you prefer tubes, there's nothing better than Colgate Brushless or Colgate Lather.



Enjoy
Sports
Again