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Mr. Frank Black,
Kona Ave.,
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Michigan.

My dear sir & friend: -

Last evening I was at the Y U house at Trinity and met our common (I assume "mutual" is not the correct usage) friend, Mr. Hicks, Trinity '26.

He said you were interested in the problem of John Wilkes Booth, and were about to write a thesis to obtain the master's degree. That at once interested me in as much as I am interested in the same problem.

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I wish you might meet Dr. Clarence True Wilson of 100 Maryland Ave., Washington, D. C. He has some facts that would interest you very much.

In the next ten days I have my hands full. I am writing a thesis on Syphilis for the Comm. Chamber of Commerce and next Tuesday am to discuss Blood Transfusion at the meeting of the County Medical Society.

But just to get you interested, tell I have a chance to write further if you might wish me to do so,

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note the following:

1. The Register of the Pacific Hotel, year 1866 at San Francisco has during the month of July, the name of John St. Helen, and after a few days, the names of Asia Booth, Rocalie Booth, Mrs. Junius Burtis Booth, and Junius Burtis Booth, Jr.
2. At Fresno, California, in 1867, at the Hotel del Coronado, (I am not absolutely sure that is the name) during the same summer, the registration is the same.
3. At a hotel in Denver, Colorado, in 1868, you will find the same circumstance. This name of the hotel, Dr. Wilson has told I cannot recall it.

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4. Samuel Colonna of Princes Anne, Md., in the summer of 1865, sailed from New Orleans to Vera Cruz with a gentleman who was named John St. Helen. They worked on the same sugar plantation in Mexico and on Colonna's return to the states in the fall St. Helen accompanied him to within 1 mile of the dock where St. Helen refused to go further stating he feared he might be recognized and turning back told ^{Colonna} as they parted, he was not John St. Helen, but John Wilkes Booth.

Colonna returned to Maryland, a few months later, went to Washington, and with a cousin who is still living, the blind, in Washington, found a photographer who catered to the actor trade, called for photographs of John Wilkes Booth, was shown them and stated, they were of the man he had lived with for 3

months at Vera Cruz. Collona's daughter, a Mrs. Jones, still lives and could tell you a few interesting things.

5. Set in touch with Francis Wilson, the actor who told Dr. Clarence, he was about to publish "The Memoirs of Edwin Booth" and found under date of July 25, 1878, the entry in which Edwin Booth stated he was riding thru the streets of Paris in a victoria and saw John Wilkes on the curb. He had the driver draw near and they rode about the city and into the country together and upon returning John Wilkes left the vehicle, stating he feared to go farther.

I have not time to state other things including the use of the pantograph on the photographs of John Wilkes Booth, and John St. Helen. The place of the naves, the

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angle of the septum and pupils, the configuration of the glabella, the angle made by the septum and the levator labii superioris et alae nasi, the configuration of the lobule, the tragus, cavum, the angle between the parting of the hair, and the eye-slits, the curve of the left eye brow, as well as the curve of the right eye brow and both taken together, are in all cases exactly the same.

Now, it would require some time for me to express myself regarding my only Ford, bought in 1913 and parted with in 1916, known to the profession of Hartford as "September Morn." Suffice to say I was once a clergyman, being pastor of churches

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near Rochester, New York. I never used an oath but once from the time I was born till I was forty-three years of age, the year I bought the "mow".

That machine ruined my vocabulary, my spiritual nature, my temper and wrought havoc with my higher qualities. It angers me every time I think of it. She has written the letter.

Very cordially,

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P.S. What is your college? I have an A. B. and S. T. B. from Yale and an M. D. from Harvard.