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LINCOLN'S FIRST CASE An Incident of His Career at New Salem, Ill. **** The incidents of this story are taken

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from Mrs. Mary Hartwell Cather-wood's "Spanish Peggy," a story of New Salem, 14., at the time Lincoln plete short story.

Abraham Lincoln was studying Blackstone in the cabin of Minter Grayham at New Salem when Richard Yates came in. The two young men were the best of friends, and it was the custom of Richard to ride over from Jacksonville whenever opportunity offered for a few days with his friend.

"Going in for law, are you, Abe?" said Yates, as he noticed the book Lincoln was reading.

"Mighty interesting book, this," re-plied Lincoln. "I'm going to study law myself," said Yates, "and let's make a bargain to try our first case together." "The bargain is made," replied Lin-

coln, "and whoever gets the first case calls in the other for assistance.'

Shickshack was dead and New Salem mourned for him. Shickshack the Sac Indian who preferred to live among the whites to life with his tribe; who had been foster father to Peggy since the days her Spanish fa ther had laid her, an infant, in his arms when the father was dying and arms when the father was dynas with had none but this Indian friend with whom to intrust his baby daughter; "Boys, how would any of you like

mer, descendant of Don Louis Lori-mer, at one time Spanish governor of his majesty's possessions in the new world. All New Salem knew this, but they did not know that around Shick-filled with Spanish shack's waist was carried a snakeskin filled with Spanish gold that belonged was dead, when Antywine turned the

"String him up like a horsethief," cried a man at the rear. Lincoln,

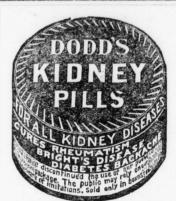
"Wait!" commanded stretching out his long arm. "I will not wait while boys practice speeches. This is not what was prom-ised me," hissed the Spaniard. "What Red Clary promised you," re-

turned Lincoln, "was that if you would cancel his gambling debts to yourself he would make me hand over the girl's money.

Clary was off his horse and at his accuser in a moment, and Lincoln realized that he must fight it out. He was standing on a slight elevation resided there. The compiler can claim credit for nothing more than the grouping of the incidents into a com-lets the caught the bull-bodied champion by the collar and flung him across the ring.

It was a fight to a finish now, and Lincoln, realizing that words would be useless should he lose in this contest of force, went at it to best his adversary in the only court that ad-versary would recognize. It was a fierce contest for a few minutes, and then Lincoln caught Clary with a stinging blow beneath the chin and tumbled him to the ground, where he lay with the wind well knocked out of him. Standing over Clary's body Lincoln made an impassioned speech to the others of the rowdy gang for justice for his little Spanish client. He told her history; he told who Don Pedro Lorimer was; he appealed to the best that was in them; to their love for their sisters, and he won, and Don Bedro Lorinsters, and he won, and Don Pedro Lorimer knew that he had won, and spurring his horse forward he attempted to ride the young orator down, and to grab the snakeskin which Lincoln had passed to Yates at the beginning of the fight. As he did so Antywine, aroused from a stupor, darted from the cabin and, grabbing the bits, brought the horse to its haunches. Before the acturated sides haunches. Before the astonished rider could recover Lincoln asked with

to the crippled child. That is they did not know this until Shickshack but he never again appeared in the vicinity of New Salem to molest the



for everyone present, relates the By-stander. One of the guests was engaged in the gentle and alluring amusement of criti-cising an absent friend. "Well," he said, "he's the meanest, stingiest man I ever knew; in fact, I don's think there's another man in the world who is so mean-" "Oh, I don't know," interrupted Naggs-by; "that's a pretty tall order, you know, I think I know a stingier man. There's my father-in-law, for instance-" "This acted like a red flag on Mrs. Naggs-by. MOTHER GRAY'S SWEET POWDERS FOR CHILDREN, A Certain Cure for Feverishness, Constipation, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Bestroy Worms. They Break up Coids in 24 hours. Atall Druggists, 20 ets, Sample melled FHEEL Advices. B GRAY.

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by "Look here," she snapped, "you're al-"Look here," she snapped, "you're al-simply won't stand it!" "Oh, pooh, pooh!" rejoined Naggsby. "He's my father-in-law, not yours. Just you wait until I say something about yours before you begin to talk!" "That was at eight o'clock, and at 11:30 they were still at it, and going stronger than ever. Popular Line to the East. The splendid passenger service of the Nickel Plate Road, the care and atten-tion shown passengers have made it a favorite with the mexperienced as well as those accustomed to travel. Every feature necessary to the comfort and convenience of the passengers, especially ladies travel-ing alone or accompanied by children, is provided. Colored Porters in Uniform are it a attendance to serve the wants of all and to see that cars are kept scrupulous-ly clean. Fullman Sleepers on all trains, and an excellent Dining service, serving Individual Club meals or a la Carte at moderate cost. When traveling East pur-chase your tickets via the Nickel Plate Road. All trains depart from the La Salle St. Station, Chicago. Por full in-formation regarding tickets, rates, routes, sleeping car reservations, etc., call on or address J. Y. Calahan, General Agent, No. 111 Adams St., Chicago, III. Popular Line to the East. "The man who promises to lay the world at a girl's feet," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "after marriage often finds it difficult to place a ton of coal at her disposal."—Yonkers States-man

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to bride of Antywine, and Lincoln and Yates had tried their first case to-If New Salem folks had not known gether and had won. of the existence of Peggy's gold Don Pedro Lorimer, New Orleans gam-bler, had. He had been with Peggy's father when the little fortune had been intrusted to the Indian for safe keeping, and he had made more than one effort to get possession of it, usual ly by claiming relationship and guard-ianship of the child.

Lincoln was not to be found when Lorimer arrived at the village after the death of Shickshack, and demand-ed possession of the child and her belongings. He came backed by a set young hoodlums from Clary's Grove. It was Dick Yates who met them at the Rutledge tavern, but he was powerless. They wanted the girl but they wanted her money more than anything else, and Lincoln had the money. Taking the girl with them, and accompanied by Yates, they started out to find Lincoln. They found him at the home of Antywine, the They found home over which Peggy, now a girl of was to be mistress.

"Lincoln, you have somewhere a snakeskin filled with gold belonging to my young cousin over whom I claim legal guardianship. Produce it and you shall not be harmed." It was

Clary's Grove rather than to the Span-

'We didn't come here for a speech, Abe. We want the money and we want ft quick," yelled Redmond Clary.

"And you won't get it," replied Lincoln_



Checker-Ah! Checker—Ah! Hello, old man! Where are you living now? Seeker—Never mind, my boy. I

you shall not be harmed." It was the Spaniard, Lorimer, who spoke, "Boys, you ought to be ashamed of yourselves," said Lincoln, addressing himself to the young fellows from are linked in adamant with these names! Washington! whose sword was never drawn but in the cause of his cou and never sheathed when wielded in his country's cause! Franklin, the philos pher of the thunderbolt, the printi the printing press and the plowshare!"-John Quincy Adams.

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