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NOW, DEAR READERS, FOR ~~THE~~ THE
EXPLANATION OF THE JAST LISTED
"LAST WORDS";

LINCOLNS ASSASSIN JOHN WILKES BOOTH'S
LAST RECORDED WORDS (RECORDED IN THE
MEMORYS + DIARYS OF THOSE UNION
OFFICERS + SOLDIERS WHO WERE ALL AROUND
HIM WHEN HE LAY DYING) WERE UTTERED
ON THE FRONT PORCH WHERE HE WAS
LAYED AFTER HAVING BEEN SHOT AND
PULLED OUT OF THE BURNING VIRGINIA
BARN IN WHICH THEY HAD TRACKED HIM
DOWN TO JAST DAYS AFTER THE ASSASSINATION,
SENSE HE WAS PARALYZED BY THE BULLET
WOUND, AND OF COURSE UNABLE TO RAISE
UP HIS OWN HANDS, HE ASKED THAT THEY
RAISE HIS HANDS UP IN FRONT OF HIS
FACE (SO HE COULD SEE THEM, PRESUMABLY)
"USELESS, USELESS" HE WAS HEARD TO
SAY, THEN HE DIED.

WHAT DID BOOTH MEAN?

THAT HIS OWN HANDS HAD BECOME USELESS?

THAT THE SOUTHERN CAUSE HAD?

THAT - AT THAT POINT - HIS OWN LIFE HAD?
BECOME "USELESS, USELESS"?

ANY - OR ALL - OF THE ABOVE, ~~PROBABLY~~

MOST CERTAINLY.



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AS FOR ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S LAST WORDS - IF WE CAN BE FORGIVEN FOR CLASSIFYING 'HA-HA-HA' AS "LAST WORDS" - WERE OF COURSE THE SOUNDS OF LINCOLN LAUGHING AT THE COMEDY "OUR AMERICAN COUSINE" JAST BEFORE JOHN W. BOOTH SHOT HIM IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD WITH HIS ONE BULLET FIRED FROM HIS POCKET PISTOL. hey, LINCOLN WAS ENJOYING A COMEDY - WHAT DO YOU THINK HIS LAST WORDS WOULD SOUND LIKE, THE GETTYSBERG ADDRESS?

AS FOR J.F.K.'S LAST WORDS SPOKEN IN THE MOVING PRESIDENTIAL LIMOSINE IN DALLAS ON NOV. 22ND OF 1963, - "NO - YOU CERTAINLY CAN'T" - IT WAS PRESIDENT ~~K~~ KENNEDY'S RESPONSE TO TEXAS GOVERNOR JOHN CONNOLLY'S COMMENT (CONNOLLY WAS SITTING JAST IN FRONT OF KENNEDY IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT) SAYING TO ~~the~~ KENNEDY "WELL, MR. PRESIDENT, YOU CAN'T SAY THE PEOPLE OF DALLAS DON'T LIKE YOU" - HENCE KENNEDY'S COMMENT "NO - YOU CERTAINLY CAN'T" AN INSTANT LATER - BOOM! - IT WAS ALL OVER, OF COURSE (WHICH IS WHY THIS CHAPTER IS TITLED "LAST WORDS," ~~AND~~ AFTER ALL)

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"I have such a terrible headache" ~~the~~ were F.D.R.'s LAST RECORDED WORDS IN WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA IN APRIL OF 1945 JUST BEFORE HE FELL INTO UNCONCIOUSNESS AND DIED, OF A MASSIVE STROKE, WHICH, EVIDENTALLY, MUST OBVIOUSLY FEEL LIKE ONE IS HAVING THE WORST FRIGGIN HEADACHE IN THE WORLD (HENCE, F.D.R.'s LAST WORDS)

"GENTLEMEN, YOU'RE ABOUT TO SEE THE RESULTS OF ELECTRICITY ON WOOD" WAS A MAN NAMED WOODS ATTEMPT AT MAKING A JOKE - OBVIOUSLY, A PUN - TO ALL THE REPORTERS AND WITNESSES ASSEMBLED TO OBSERVE HIS EXECUTION BACK IN NEW YORK IN 1890 - THE VERY FIRST EXECUTION BY ELECTRIC CHAIR. NO REPORTS EXIST AS TO WHETHER MR. WOOD GOT ANY LAUGHS OUT OF HIS AUDIENCE, OR NOT - HE WAS NOT CALLED BACK FOR AN ENCORE, I CAN TELL YOU THAT.

I AM 80% SURE ~~AND I AM 80% SURE~~ THAT IT WAS THE LATE JIMMY DURANTE



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Whoes Reported LAST WORDS WERE
~~THAT~~ "DYING IS EASY, COMEDY IS HARD"
BUT IT WAS A FAMOUS COMEDIAN WHO
IS CREDITED WITH SAYING THEM, ON HIS DEATHBED.

WHICH BRINGS US TO THE LAST OF THE
"LAST WORDS" I LISTED AND CREDITED
AS THE LAST "WORDS" OF MANY, MANY
PIRATES, "RRRRRRRRRR".
BEING THAT SO MANY OF THEM DANCED
TO THEIR DEATHS STRANGLING ON THE
ENDS OF ROPES - AFTER BEING CAPTURED -
IT IS PERFECTLY LOGICAL AND REASONABLE
TO CONCLUDE THAT THIS "RRRRRRRRRR"
SOUND IS MORE OR LESS THE SOUND
- THE FINAL SOUND - MANY ~~OF~~ PIRATES
MUST HAVE MADE AS THEIR LAST SOUNDS
ON EARTH - IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT!
SO - ONCE AGAIN - SOMETHING WRITTEN
THAT READS AS IF IT WERE A JOKE
TURNS OUT - ONCE AGAIN! - TO REALLY
BE JAST - WHAT ELSE? - THE PLAIN
UNVARNISHED TRUTH - WHICH TURNS
OUT TO BE NOT ONLY STRANGER THEN
ANY FICTION - BUT MORE FUNNY, TOO

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