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Subject: Little Known Civil War Fact

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I've been reading voraciously about the US Civil War for the past six months or so. Yesterday, I stumbled across the following nugget: but for the fact that U.S. Grant's wife detested Lincoln's wife, Grant would have been sitting with Lincoln at the theater the night Lincoln was shot. After accepting Lee's surrender at Appomattox, Grant returned to Washington. Lincoln invited the Grants to accompany him and his wife to the theater. Mrs. Grant confessed to her husband that she detested Mrs. Lincoln, who had been rude and condescending to her on previous occasions, and refused to go. Grant begged off, and the couple left for their house in Burlington, NJ.

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