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Right

Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of President Abraham Lincoln, wears the gown in which she appeared at the inaugural ball held in honor of her husband, the new President of the United States, on March 4, 1861.

(Source: L. C. Handy  
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Left

Mary Todd came from a wealthy Kentucky family. She was well educated, spoke French fluently and was well versed in politics. She met Abraham Lincoln, at that time a young lawyer, at a ball in 1839. A three-year-long courtship followed. They were married in 1842.

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