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THE FIRST BEARDED PROFILES. *Left:* Photograph by C. S. German, Springfield, February 9, 1861, taken during the same sitting as the photograph on the preceding page. *Below right:* A second profile, and the third photograph, made by C. S. German on February 9, 1861. Recently discovered and published here for the first time, this interesting profile reveals more of the back

of Lincoln's head than any other portrait. Notice that the President-elect has shifted his body, and his left coat lapel, clearly shown in the first profile, is no longer visible.

When the new President came to Washington, it was fashionable to ridicule his awkward manners and homeliness. Many were astonished to discover he was almost handsome. "I was struck with the simplicity, kindness, and dignity of his deportment," wrote *New York Times* reporter John M. Winchell, "so different from the clownish manners with which it was then customary to invest him. His face was a pleasant surprise, formed as my expectations had been from the poor photographs then in vogue, and the general belief in his ugliness. I remember thinking how much better-looking he was than I had anticipated, and wondering that any one should consider him ugly."



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