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HE TOWERS ABOVE THE HEAD CLAMP. Photograph by Alexander Gardner, Washington, D. C., Sunday, August 9, 1863. Visible behind Lincoln's legs are the tips of the iron stander which supports the rod holding the head clamp, or "immobilizer," designed to keep the subject motionless during the exposure. A draped box about a foot high was placed under the stander to lift the immobilizer to the President's six-foot, four-inch height!

When Andrew D. White of New York visited Lincoln at the White House, he noted the President's "rather dusty suit of black," adding that he looked like "some rural tourist who had blundered into the place."