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A MAN WHO OUTLIVED LINCOLN by seventy-eight years, Isaac Diller, playmate of the Lincoln boys, appears in this second photograph by John Adams Whipple of Boston, taken at the same time in the summer of 1860. Diller survived every person who was photographed with Lincoln. He stands on the sidewalk, almost directly under the corner pillar of the paling. Shortly before his death at eighty-nine in 1943, he explained why his figure is so indistinct: "I ran across the street from my aunt's house to get in a free picture with the Lincolns, but I turned my head at the wrong moment to look at a farm wagon. Only the stripes on my socks and my boots showed up."