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THE FIRST INAUGURAL. A distant photograph from a special platform, by an unknown photographer, in front of the Capitol, Washington, D. C., afternoon of March 4, 1861.

“A small camera was directly in front of Mr. Lincoln,” reported a newspaper, “another at a distance of a hundred yards, and a third of huge dimensions on the right, raised on a platform built specially for the purpose.”