
"The long and the short of it" was Lincoln's humorous description of the twelve-inch difference between his height and his wife's. The President was six feet, four inches in his stocking feet; Mary Todd Lincoln was five feet, four. There is no photograph of them together, but in these accurately scaled and matching portraits the contrast is obvious and amusing. This picture of the President was taken by Gardner in 1863 and that of the First Lady by Brady in 186 r .

