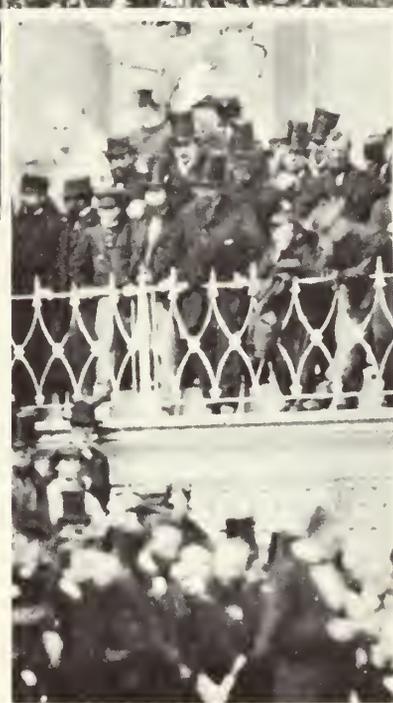


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WATCHING PANTHER-LIKE from the corner of his eye, Booth stands almost within derring'er range of the President and hears him urge the people to "bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves." The figure of Lincoln is blurred from his slight motion during the speech, but Booth stands out in sharp focus behind the railed balcony above the President. The actor wears a stovepipe hat, as does bearded John T. Ford, owner of Ford's Theatre, directly in front of Booth. Some authorities have identified the man in the broad-brimmed white hat and Union jacket standing below and just to the right of Lincoln's rostrum as Booth's accomplice, the Confederate deserter, Lewis Paine; but the focus does not permit positive identification and the costume tends to disprove the contention.



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LINCOLN AND BOOTH
Enlarged detail