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TWO DAYS AFTER THE SECOND INAUGURAL, a photograph by Henry F. Warren, south balcony of the White House, late afternoon, Monday, March 6, 1865.

When Tad brought his father out on the balcony for the special sitting, the President carried his own chair. Warren took three pictures of Lincoln, two seated and one standing. The standing pose is lost, but the vignettted likeness (above) was widely circulated by Warren. Posing just to please his son, Lincoln appears preoccupied and perhaps a little annoyed at the method Warren used to get the sitting. It was windy on the balcony, and this portrait illustrates aptly the comment of William H. Herndon, Lincoln's law partner, that "his hair . . . lay floating where his fingers or the winds left it, piled up at random."