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THE FIRST AND LAST BEARDED PHOTOS. When his whiskers first appeared, the public reaction was mixed. The beard gives "additional cadaverousness to his face," declared Noah Brooks. But Anna Ridgeway, who was being courted by Robert T. Lincoln, wrote in her diary that "Mr. Lincoln really looks handsome to me; his whiskers are a great improvement and he had such a pleasant smile I could not but admire him."

The retouched print of a variant of O-118 (right) was published under the imprint of "A. Gardner, Photographer, by Philp & Solomons, Publisher, Washington." The President's beard and sideburns are trimmed more closely than at any time since he entered the White House.