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Lincoln.

There is no great personage in American history about whose ungainly appearance so much has been written, as about the civil war president of the United States. And this same homeliness stood Lincoln in good stead at the period in which he so prominently figured, for the country needed just such a picturesque character as he represented to add interest to the affairs he so wonderfully controlled.

Homely as was Lincoln, both in face and figure, it was not of the sort to be repellent, but it is said that his sad face, under proper circumstances, lit up with so much tenderness of expression that it really became strikingly attractive. And it was not necessary to be long with the man, before the tall giant figure, the hollow cheeks and sunken eyes were entirely forgotten in the interesting and unusual man who was before you.

Lincoln, as a boy of 14, had already grown to the height of six feet four inches, with exceptionally large hands and feet, out of proportion to his long, lank body and limbs, and a head entirely out of proportion with his body.

The following story is told of Lincoln:

Shortly after he had been admitted to the bar, Stuart, with whom he had become associated as a lawyer, sent him to try a case in McLean county for an Englishman named Baddeley, giving him a letter of introduction which advised the client that he would rely upon the bearer to try his case in the best possible manner.

Baddeley inspected his council's partner with amazement and chagrin. The young man was six feet four, awkward, ungainly and apparently shy. He was dressed in illfitted homespun clothes, the trousers a little too short, and the coat a trifle too large. He had the appearance "of a rustic on his first visit to the circus." As the client gazed at him, his astonishment turned to indignation and rage. What did Stuart mean by sending a pumpkin of that kind to represent him? It was preposterous, insulting, and not to be endured.

Without attempting to conceal his disgust Baddeley uncereimoniously dispensed with Lincoln's services. History does not relate whether the irate Englishman won or lost the case but we know that he lived to be one of Lincoln's most ardent admirers.

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