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Mr. Lincoln's Whiskers

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Even *Vanity Fair*, March 16, 1861, published a cartoon of a bust of Lincoln with a beard exhibited in an "Agency For The Lincoln Whiskerous." However, it was *The New York Illustrated News*, dated March 2, 1861, that made what appears to be the official announcement of Lincoln's beard:

"Now that kings, statesmen, and even handsome priests, whilst preaching of heavenly glories in general, and of their own glories in particular, have adopted the patriarchal fashion of beards and whiskers, as their highest and manliest adornment, there is no wonder that ambitious Americans — desirous of emulating such distinguished company — should cultivate their 'mustaches' and 'whiskeranders'.

"Our good President-elect, 'Honest Old Abe' sets us a brave example in this respect, which all gentlemen, beardless from principle hitherto, would do well to adopt. 'Honest Abe' has cultivated his whiskers and looks as handsome now as the best and greatest of his contemporaries. We have the honor of presenting our readers with the first portrait of him taken with his new facial appointments and we hope all patriotic ladies will fall in love with him."

This same newspaper ran a second article entitled, "Hirsute Luxuriance":

"Everyone is talking about the newly grown whiskers of President Lincoln. It has become the topic of the day. A few weeks ago Mr. Lincoln's cheeks and chin were innocent of anything approaching (a) beard, and looked as though it was impossible to produce on them the noble hirsute appendages of manhood. A young lady in Buffalo (Westfield), who transferred his portrait to her scrapbook accidentally discovered that her political hero presented a much more dignified appearance when whiskers were penciled on his visage; so she wrote him to that effect. He at once, like a sensible man, took the hint, and as time was precious, he resolved to ascertain what hair-producing preparation there was in existence which he could most confidently call on. Accordingly he obtained a large box of a 'stimulating onguent'

known as Bellingham's. With this extraordinary paste he soon started the manly adornment which is at present the theme of all classes of society. By adopting this plan Mr. Lincoln has in a few weeks so changed his countenance that all portraits which have been treasured up as representing him have to be discarded as not any longer likenesses. Mr. Lincoln in doing this is wisely imitating the taste and the practice of all the truly great men of his era. We are as a people very properly returning to the custom of the ancients — to the example of the Apostles and their Gracious Guide — to the fashions of men in the first and innocent ages, as well as to their boast in what are styled the heroic periods. See advertisement on the outside page."

There is no evidence that Lincoln used Bellingham's Stimulating Onguent in growing his beard. In all likelihood the advertisement in *The New York Illustrated News* was unauthorized. However, the Horace L. Hegeman Company, the manufacturers of the onguent, made the most of Lincoln's beard with an advertisement in the above newspaper.

The New York Herald of Sunday, March 3, 1861 also carried a full newspaper column on Bellingham's Onguent; indicating that Lincoln used their product.

Was Lincoln really homely? William Burger of Bloomfield, New Jersey heard Lincoln deliver his First Inaugural address. He wrote to his brother Eben H. from Washington, D.C. on March 8, 1861 and among other things made the statement, "The photographs of him all lie. He is not 'Old Abe'; neither is he ugly. I was much surprised at his youthful looks. Instead of being a long, lean, lank, clumsy individual, he is very genteel, easy and graceful in his manners, and delivered his address in the style of an accomplished orator."

Regardless of whether or not the beard improved Lincoln's appearance, the promoters of Bellingham's Stimulating Onguent had a Madison Avenue approach to an unlimited market.

(For further information concerning the Horace L. Hegeman & Company advertising see *Lincoln Lore*, Number 1514, "Lincoln Testimonials," April, 1964.)

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Radcliffe, William (Maj.), 1512; Radley, Ichabod, 1529; Ramsey, David (M.D.), 1555; Randall, J. G., 1503, 1515, 1554; Randolph, Edmund, 1536; Rankin, Ira P., 1530; Rathbone, Henry Reed, 1517; Rawlings, Aaron, 1529; Rawlings, James, 1529; Rawlins, John A. (Gen.), 1513; Raymond, Henry Jarvis, 1517; Raynor, J. S., 1556; Read, W. B., 1530; Rector, H. M., 1537; Redmond, David, 1512; Reed, John, 1534; Reed, W. W., 1510; Reid, Whitelow (Hon.), 1532; Reincke, Arno B., 1502; Remsburg, John E., 1553; Reno, Jesse Lee, 1551; Rice, Alexander H., 1537; Rice, Alexander Hamilton (Mrs.), 1550; Rice, Glenna, 1518; Rice, H. LaMarr, 1518; Richardson, Israel, Bush (Gen.), 1506; Richardson, Lawrence (Mrs.), 1512; Riley, James, 1551; Riley, Ken, 1513; Ringgold, Cadwalader, 1531; Riney, Zachariah, 1505; Ritchie, A. H., 1517; Roberts, Frank, 1503; Rockwell, A. F., 1517; Rockwell, J. A. (Hon.), 1501; Roland, Charles P., 1524; Rolle, Andrew, 1528; Rollins, E. F., 1527; Roosevelt, F. D., 1518, 1533, 1545, 1547; Roosevelt, Theodore, 1533, 1545, 1547; Root, Elihu, 1540; Rosen (cartoonist), 1541; Rosenthal, L. N., 1517; Rubinger, Naphtali J., 1503; Rubins, David K., 1510, 1511; Rusk, Dean, 1540; Russell, Earl, 1526; Rutledge, Ann, 1502, 1507, 1537, 1555.

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Thomas Winthrop, 1554; Strohm, John, 1524; Stuart, Charles Edward, 1501; Stuart, Gilbert, 1521, 1543; Stuart, John T., 1524, 1544; Suarez, John M., 1538; Sumner, Edwin Vose (Gen.), 1506; Sumner, Charles, 1517, 1521; Surratt, Mary A., 1554; Sweets, Mary E., 1512; Swett, Leonard (Hon.), 1506, 1540; Swift, Henry G., 1519.

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Taft, C. S., 1517; Taft, William Howard (Pres.), 1533, 1545; Takashi, Nobutaka, 1503; Talcott, Sylvester, 1516; Talcott, Wait, 1516; Tallarico, Tony, 1538; Talmadge, Frederick A., 1501; Talmage, (Major), 1521; Taney, Roger Brooke, 1501, 1553; Tanner, James, 1517; Tant, Fanning, 1509; Tarbell, Ida M., 1543; Tarrac, Angel, 1515, 1540; Taylor, A. A. E., 1537; Taylor, Jock, 1524; Taylor, L. H. (Miss), 1556; Taylor, Tom, 1509, 1526; Taylor, Townsend, 1512; Taylor, William E., 1543; Taylor, Zachary (Pres.), 1524, 1533, 1557; Teillard, Dorothy Lamon, 1506; Temple, Wayne C., 1503, 1509, 1511, 1515, 1518, 1538, 1542, 1543, 1549; Tenniel, John, 1526; Terrac, Angl (see *Tarrac, Angel*), 1515; Terry, Alfred Howe (Col.), 1540; Terry, William, 1517; Thayer & Eldridge, 1504; Thayer, Eugene R., 1555; Thayer, William Makepeace, 1505, 1555; Thomas, Benjamin P., 1553; Thomas, E. A., 1518; Thomas, Francis, 1550; Thomas, G. C., 1521; Thomas, G. L., 1521; Thomas, George A. (Gen.), 1554; Thomas, Hardin, 1512; Thomas, Jack, 1530; Thomas, Lowell, 1502; Thompson, (Squire), 1507; Thompson, Richard W., 1501; Thompson, William, 1501; Thumb, Tom, 1509, 1537; Thumb, Lavinia, 1509; Thurston, Benjamin B., 1501; Tilton, Clint Clay, 1506; Tingley, J. H., 1556; Todd Family, 1507, 1543; Todd, Anne, 1543; Todd, Elizabeth, 1543; Todd, Frances, 1543; Todd, George, 1543; Todd, John Blair S., 1517; Todd, John, 1530; Todd, Levi, 1543; Todd, L. M. (Lockwood), 1530; Todd, Lyman Beecher (Gen.), 1517; Todd, Mary (see *Mary Todd Lincoln*), 1543, 1544; Todd, Robert Smith, 1543, 1544; Tompkins, P. W., 1524; Tower, Lawrence Phelps, 1522; Townsend, S., 1510; Townsend, William H., 1503, 1515; Tracy, Gilbert A., 1533; Train, Charles Russell, 1550; Trefousse, Hans L., 1533; Trenchard, Florence, 1509; "True Republicans," 1557; Truett, Randle B., 1518; Truman, Harry S. (Pres.), 1533; Tuley, Philip Speed, 1544; Turkle, Brinton, 1552; Turner, Justin G., 1532; Tweedy, Samuel, 1501; Twiggs, David Emanuel (Gen.), 1501; Tyler, John, 1533; Tyler, John (Mrs.), 1550.

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Van Buren, Martin (Pres.), 1521, 1533, 1536, 1557; Van Natter, Francis Marion, 1503; Vance, David, 1529; Vawter, Charlotte, 1507; Vernon, Richard, 1512; Vestvali, Felicita, 1509; Vincent, Thomas W., 1517; Vinton, Samuel F., 1501; Voight, Virginia Frances, 1509; Volk, Leonard W., 1536; Von Limburg (Madame), 1550.

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Waber, Bernard, 1533; Waide, Daniel, 1529; Walborn, Cornelius, 1532; Wallace, David H., 1543; Wallace, William S., 1543; Wallack, J. W., 1509; Walling, A. Clark, 1521; Walton, Clyde C., 1503, 1515, 1518, 1524, 1528, 1532, 1533, 1538, 1541, 1546, 1549; Ward, J. Q. A., 1540; Warner, Willard, 1537; Warren (cartoonist), 1503; Warren, Louis A., 1502, 1505, 1507, 1510, 1519, 1524, 1531, 1535, 1538, 1551, 1555, 1557; Washbourne, Elihu B., 1513, 1524; Washington, George, 1501, 1507, 1518, 1520, 1521, 1524, 1531, 1533, 1536, 1537, 1543, 1545, 1546, 1552; Washington, Martha, 1543, 1550; Wathen, R. V. (Mrs.), 1512; Watson, Peter H., 1516; Watterson, Henry, 1545; Wayne, James Moore, 1550; Weaver, John Downing, 1511; Weaver, William A., 1504; Webster, Daniel, 1523, 1537; Webster, H. T., 1503; Weems, M. L., 1555; Wehman, H. J., 1527; Weik, Jesse W., 1508; Weinman, Adolph Alexander, 1545; Weisberg, Charles, 1534; Weitzel, Godfrey (Gen.), 1540; Welles, Gideon (Mrs.), 1550; Welles, Gideon, 1504, 1513, 1517, 1553, 1554; Wellman, Paul I., 1541; Welsh, William P., 1513; Wentworth, John, 1501, 1502, 1532; Wesley, John, 1520; Wesson, Ernest J., 1532; Wheare, K. C., 1552; Whipple, J. A., 1549; White, Barbara C., 1515; White, Charles T., 1534; White, Horace, 1532; White, Stanford, 1540; Whitemore, Floyd K., 1502; Whitman, Albert (publisher), 1555; Whitman, Walt, 1550, 1554; Whitney, Henry C., 1508; Whittimore, Floyd K., 1502, 1503; Whittimore, J. M., 1556; Wilberforce, William, 1536; Wilder, D. W., 1538; Wiley, Bell Irvin, 1509, 1549; Williams, Barney, 1508; Williams, Frank (cartoonist), 1515, 1552; Williams, Harry, 1524; Williams, John Sharp (Sen.), 1545; Williams, Martha (Baker), 1551; Williams, Mathilde, 1511; Williams, Samuel (Rev.), 1538; Williams, Samuel P., 1551; Williams, Solomon, 1551; Williamson, Alexander, 1509; Williamson, John, 1544; Willis, N. P., 1550; Wills, David, 1519, 1535; Wilson, Augustus (Gov.), 1545; Wilson, Carroll A., 1554; Wilson, Henry, 1501, 1518, 1550; Wilson, James Grant (Gov.), 1545; Wilson, Woodrow (Pres.), 1531, 1533, 1545; Winsey, A. Reid (Dr.), 1510; Wintermith, Dick, 1530; Wintermith, Horatio Gates, 1530; Winthrop, Robert C., 1501, 1502, 1524; Wirth, Conrad L., 1518; Wise, Henry A., 1518, 1546; Wise, William, 1528; Wolcott, George, 1556; Wolf, William J., 1509; Wolford, Frank (Col.), 1552; Wolper, David L., 1557; Wolorth, Hannah Frances, 1543; Wood, Thomas John (Gen.), 1513; Wood, John (Mrs.), 1508; Woods, John R., 1552; Worrell, James, 1519; Worth, William Jenkins (Gen.), 1501; Wright, Luke E., 1545; Wuekes (cartoonist), 1515; Wunner, Sep., 1527.

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