

MRS. ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

TRIAL OF THE QUESTION OF HER SANITY IN
CHICAGO—A VERDICT THAT SHE IS IN-
SANE RENDERED.

CHICAGO, May 19.—In the County Court the trial of the question of the sanity of Mrs. Lincoln, widow of Abraham Lincoln, came up to-day. The proceedings were based on a petition filed by Robert T. Lincoln, setting forth that his mother, Mary L. Lincoln, has property and effects exceeding \$75,000; that she is *non compos mentis*, and incapable of managing her estate, and praying the issuance of an order for a warrant and venire to test the question of her sanity. The petition was accompanied by the certificate of the family physician, (Dr. Isham,) to the effect that he had examined Mrs. Lincoln, and was of opinion that she was insane and a fit subject for hospital treatment. Several witnesses testified to eccentricities in the conduct of Mrs. Lincoln, which commenced at the time of the assassination of President Lincoln, and which have become more marked as time progressed. She imagines she hears voices in the wall; that strange beings beset her in the entries of her hotel; that she was the victim of poisoning plots, &c. Her closets are full of unopened packages of goods which she had ordered to be sent to her room. After short arguments the case was given to the jury, who brought in a verdict in accordance with the facts elicited.

Mrs. Lincoln will be removed to the hospital at Batavia, Ill. Her relatives and friends have delayed this step as long as was considered prudent, but finally agreed that nothing else would suffice. At the announcement of the verdict Robert Lincoln took the hand of his mother affectionately, when she exclaimed, with reproachful tone, "Oh, Robert, to think that my son would ever have done this!"

There were few spectators in court.

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