

## THE STATUE OF LIBERTY.

The report of Major HEAP, of the Lighthouse Board, upon M. BARTHOLDI'S statue of Liberty Enlightening the World will cast a deep gloom over the souls of thousands of patriotic men and women. Some cold and critical persons have already ventured to point out defects in the artistic design of the effigy. Major HEAP declares that it is structurally weak, defenseless against Time's erosive tooth, and liable to become a burden and a sorrow to the Lighthouse Board.

The Major may be quite right about the insecurity of the platform about the torch as a point of observation for sightseers, and it would be a lamentable catastrophe should Liberty lose her right arm and the community a group of sightseers by one and the same accident. That can be averted, however, by taking away the ladder by which the platform is reached.

As to Major HEAP'S alarming prognostications about the quick corrosion of the material of the statue there is perhaps room for the comforting hypothesis that he is mistaken. Copper is supposed to be a very durable metal. Articles in copper and copper bronze have come down to us in a fair state of preservation from the dim ages preceding the Fourth Olympiad. If the statue of Liberty shall last half as long she will have served a useful and pleasant purpose. On the whole it is best not to be discouraged about the matter.

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