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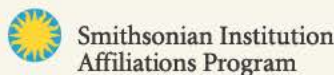
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The 20-inch bore of a Rodman gun could fit a man inside. This Rodman was en route to Fort Hamilton, Brooklyn, N.Y., in 1864 when it stopped long enough in Harrisburg, Pa., for a photo.

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