

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,  
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It should not pass this occasion without reference  
to the war with Spain. This government did what no  
other government had ever done - went to war and  
a foreign power - not to defend its own soil or  
acquire additional territory - not to protect itself  
to protect or oppress its own citizens - not to defend  
the flag or the honor of this Nation - but  
Republic, in the name of humanity, declared war  
upon the Spanish monarchy - to give liberty to them  
and self government to an oppressed people struggling  
to free themselves from the oppression and tyranny  
of a tyrant.  
In that war our soldiers and sailors were  
the heroes of the world. The sons of this country were  
on the side of those who were the great fighters of  
the world. In that war the last vestiges of slavery  
were eliminated from the hearts of the American people.  
With exultation and pride we point to the  
Bay of Cervera. For Juan Martin de Cervera  
was the last of American naval heroes. He  
was the last of the great naval heroes of the  
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In the United States the people observe  
for many years past four observed  
four days above all others. Recently  
a new day has been added.

The first four are the 4th of July,  
Decoration Day, Thanksgiving, and  
Christmas. To these four, we have  
added Mothers' Day.

When we speak of the 4th of July  
our minds revert to the birth of this  
nation.

When speak of the Decoration Day  
we think of the ~~men~~ preservation of  
the nation.

When we refer to Thanksgiving  
we think what owe to Divine Providence  
for the many blessings we enjoy.



When we think talk about Christmas  
we think of the birth of the Saviour  
of mankind ~~and~~

When we come to Mother's Day,  
we think of mother and all her splendid  
traits and Characteristics.

~~We think of mothers~~  
~~Great Influence~~  
~~Good Advice~~  
~~Wise Instruction~~  
~~Sweet Songs~~  
~~Unbounded Sympathy~~  
~~Unquenchable Love~~  
~~Unmeasurable ~~words~~~~



(1) On Mothers Day we think of the service mothers have rendered the country, and our indebtedness to them. All public and private indebtedness ~~do~~ do not equal the debt of gratitude we owe to the mothers of the land.

(2) On Mothers Day we think of mothers' influence. The President and all the public officials of both national and state ~~the~~ governments - great as they are - do not exercise the influence exercised by the mothers of the land.

(3) On Mothers Day I think of the good advice of mothers are giving. We have many great men in this country - none of them can give better advice than mothers.

(4) On Mothers Day we think of mothers as teachers and instructors. We have a great system of public schools, academies, seminaries, colleges and universities. But none of these excel the school in the home, around the fireside, over which our mothers preside.



- 15) On Mothers Day, we think of Mothers songs. How soon many national singers, ~~singers~~ ~~which~~ but after all the sweetest songs, and those exercising the greatest influence on the destiny of the nation are those sung by the mothers of the land.
- 16) On Mothers Day we think of mothers sympathy & you can not go so far away that mothers sympathy will not reach out to you.
7. Finally On Mothers Day we think of Mothers love. We can measure any thing else in the world. We can not measure the length and breadth and width of mothers love. We know a ~~measure~~ ~~of~~ heights and standards - but no instrument will ever be invented, devised or constructed that can weigh or measure the love of a mother.



How can we show our appreciation  
of the mothers of the land?

- (1) By rendering useful voice to others,
- (2) By making our influence for good  
in the world,
- (3) By following the advice of mothers,
- (4) By being made teachers and  
instructors ourselves,
- (5) By <sup>being</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>songs</sup> <sup>the</sup> <sup>apology</sup> - <sup>pen</sup> <sup>in</sup>  
<sup>earth</sup> - <sup>fore</sup> <sup>with</sup> <sup>love</sup> <sup>men</sup>
- (6) ~~(5)~~ By extending a sympathetic hand  
to those in need and trouble,
- (7) By reflecting in our lives  
in the love of the mothers  
heart.