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EDITORIAL

What does America mean to you? Can you see her smiling face and hear her happy laughter in the fields, streams, and woods around you? Do you think of her as a fair nation or as an unfair nation? I wonder what you really think or if you have taken time to think at all.

To me America means a vast land bordered on two sides by great oceans and on two sides by friendly neighbors. America means to me a land of cheerful, busy people, building the greatest nation on earth. In her cities hundreds of thousands of whirling machines carry on various industries many of which were begun years ago by our far-sighted forefathers. On her thousands of farms are rows and rows of fruit trees, acres of vegetables, fields of

swelling grains, and herds of fine cattle grazing on sweet meadow grasses. In her mines and in her forest men carry on great industries that contribute to America's might.

Do you realize this country of ours with all its greatness, is not infallible? As Americans, many of us realize this and are not afraid to admit it. Our progress, in large measure, has been speeded up by the recognition of our mistakes and the efforts we make to right them and to prevent similar ones.

Are you dissatisfied because you have to go to school, or are you thankful for your opportunity of acquiring a higher education? Where can one find such opportunities in the educational field as in America? We are trained to look fearlessly at both sides of a question and to form our own opinions. We are permitted to express those opinions both orally and on the printed page--to worship our God in any way we deem fitting--to rule our lives according to our precepts of right and wrong. Because of mass education; America can judge her citizens by merit, even as she, by merit, has been judged by the world--a fair and a friendly nation.

Can you express your feeling for America? America to me is the America of Walt Whitman--a singing land with singing wheels of industry; singing hearts of men, women, and children; singing pines and singing negroes on Southern cotton and tobacco plantations. Does the name, America, mean anything to you? To me it has a beautiful sound--a strange and vigorous sound of marching feet of eager pioneers, a sound of the strong west wind, of traffic horns and radios, of happy children's laughter. To me, America is "the blessed land of

"Room Enough beyond the ocean bars,
 Where the air is full of sunlight and
 the flag is full of stars."

E. Taylor - Tanner.