ABRAHAM LINCOLN AND HIS CENTENNIAI

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with the exception of the number and make something of yourself and less biographies recently prepared, some day be a great man." there has never been so much said of sassination, as there is being said in have yied with one another in pro. phans. ducing something before unknown in the life and character of the great

with a tenderer affection of his mother than that she felt for her other ers of his class-

At an age too early for the famepredestined boy to remember. Tom its intuitive powers laid other Kentucky farm that lay between Knob creek and Rolling fork, tender organism. Here the young mind first began to receive impressions, and here, too,

of the melancholy boy. Life to the Lincolns at this time consisted of toil unceasing in that new and beautiful country-of pov-

her deep-set gray eyes.
In his after years of greatness, the tressures, and his eyes would dim as he remembered the earnestness and pathos of the gentle voice that had we are told that Sarah Bush two books, the most precious of her mother made real the possibility

Lincoln insisted that her son and faughter be educated. Her shiftless and bravery in surdaughter be educated. Her shiftless and bravery in sureasy-going husband could just write
his name, and though she was considered educated for her time and
station, her knowledge of the rumstation, her knowledge of the summer that followed was limited. It must be admitted,

was about to return ne teasingly askthe glanned to be married. Then swestdaughter be educated. Her shiftless of misfortune,
mounting the lides of misfortune,
planned to be married. Then swestdaughter be educated. Her shiftless
it's agood sign. I think that Sherman beant lost of the summer that followed she was conto Lincoln?" The message she bade is going to beat Johnston and thenthe summer that makes of misfortune.
Miss Proctor, one of the Lincoln histhe rioted all the laughed and said:

"Katrina."

"Katrin cent time, would most probably have son he most was." been able to match well her wit It is not guess work to say that in against the brains of the modernly the years of his fame, the influence

for his wife and scant supply of clothes and house his highest ambition. which Mrs. Lincoln and her daugh- Potter Daggert says of them: ter rode, while Abe and Mr. Lincoln their entire stock of house furnishward another State.

was gorgeous in its gala attire.

life anew.

Soon after their destination had and died. The boy Lincoln helped in the town he was hired as cierk in sweetheart was mentioned. with his own hands to shape the the village store. wooden box in which they placed his only one of his sensitive nature is capable of suffering, he sought con- short. solation in the promises of the hereafter. His mother had spoken in an understanding way of the immortality of the soul and in imagination the son delighted to follow her in the spirit realm. Ever afterward he was an the "angel mother."

Many historians contend that there was always the shadowy and powerful personality of the dead woman leading, grinding and influencing the

had already made on one so young. The unchallenged leader of the unchalleng individual estimate an excess incom-

Abraham Lincoln, even including the a year, Tom Lincoln, his stepfather, eulogies appearing just after his as-went back to Kentucky on a visit, leaving his sister and himself behind. His stay was a short one and when the current issues alone of the va- he returned it was to bring with him rlous periodicals. The magazines a wife and stepmother for his or-

If the Lincoln children had any horror of the woman who had so soon taken their mother's place. it was soon dispelled, for she proved a Those who have failed in the at- real mother to them in every sense tempt to produce true human inter- of the word and they loved her very tenderly. Besides her cheerful, afest stories have woven into their re- fectionate nature she had brought inof truth till one feels like saying, with the small boy. "Thay iz a lie out the small boy, "Thay iz a lie out fore her coming Abe Lincoln had to her new home more nousenoid tunity presented itself for nim to offer sympathy, he was by no means slow in availing himself of it. The hurt inflicted by the unfaithful Mccitals fiction with the liniest thread to her new home more household climbed each night, by means of pegs Neill eased in the friendship that grew In a one-roomed log cabin in Har- stuck in the log-chinks, to the tiny between Ann Rutledge and the vil-din county. Kentucky, on Feb. 12th, loft of the cabin and there slept on lage postmaster. The two became al-1809, Abraham Lincoln was born a bed of leaves. When the fearful most inseparable Lincoln confided the gloom and melancholy of his storms came, the wind and rain his ambitions to her, helped her with beautiful though unfortunate mother would beat upon him, making his tiful though unfortunate mother would beat upon him, making his her domestic duties and taught her made its imprint on the baby surroundings even more deplorable. grammar. Finally, after having been an early age he evidenced those normally dissimilar characteristics that one so often finds in the children mended and Abe was allowed as a member of the of sorrow. Denied the love and the fortable bed with plenty of warm name of a real father, yet blessed covering.

Still better for the lonely melancholy boy, he was given a place in children. Lincoln's outlook on the the warm heart of the newcomer. was in a measure brighter than othchanged and developed on different lines. Love, the revealer, had with Lincoln, his stepfather, with his mother, left the home of his birth— with an unbroken resolve to handle Rock Spring farm—and moved to an- the delicate nature in a way to preserve, rather than make gross, the

Of course there were still melancholy, dreamy days in the life of the environment, that mighty molder of boy, but these were supplemented ideals, began its shaping of the career with days of work and the happy companionship and cheer of a bright and practical woman.

son of Nancy Hanks there waz one joy counterbalancing the gloom of his enfortunate lot—one memory that such, but rather have recorded to her such and grown out by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and soon properties of the angel mother of whom her near into the keeping of the same attracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and appropriate of the angel mother of whom her near into the keeping of the same attracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and appropriate was a restricted was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a restricted was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners and soon join-distributions and propriate was a fattracted by her bright manners a the latter years encircled with a memory that she nurtured rather of her respect and appreciation of the preferred the ungainly, penniless law-halo—the love of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of her respect and appreciation of the preferred the ungainly, penniless law-halo—the love of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the respect and appreciation of the preferred the ungainly, penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the respect and appreciation of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uprooted the seeds the other stream of the preferred the ungainly penniless law-year of the tail dark wom—than uproof the tail dark wom an with the wistful lenging look in woman had implanted into the hearts of her children.

Nancy Hank's legacy to her son President would look across the vista was one of melancholy and brooding of years into the bare cabin and see dreams of greatness, and the capable again the woman; hear her read the directing mind and hands of the stepen-

was limited. It must be admitted, was ended and he went into the though, that her native ability far ex- world at last to begin that notable ceeded her acquired stock of learn- future of greatness and goodness, it ing, and had she lived at a more re- would be difficult to say, fairly, whose

sgainst the brains of the modernly brilliant.

Abraham Lincoln and his sister or casionally attended school, but the sensions were short and far between and the school buffding so far distant that many miles had to be trudged before reaching it. There was a kind and priest, and later a Baptist minister, whose fortune it was to reach to read and write the boy who was destined to serve his country as first hishast officer.

The lover answered the answered the answered the answered the summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her summons immediately, riding all night at her grief that he took her into his curlious dream—a bad dream. It was after a very analous day: I was summons immediately, riding all night at her grief that he took her into his curlious dream—a bad dream. It was after a very analous day: I was summons immediately, riding all night on horseback that he might reach her on the morther-spirit of the two women tasks the price were ver at a loss to distinguish be-taken the impressions of the word and the price were ver at a loss to distinguish the two wonan Nancy Hanks, in his sensa-tated and weary, he reached the pure before it was too late. Travel-to the morther spirit of the th

the wonderful fertility of the soil and for a lamp. From one lowly occupascarcity of laborers in . Illinois, tion to another he shifted until finaland expecting to find a perfect El- ly he began that gradual climb that dorado, he set out on a tour of in- ended with the opening vista of the spection. When he returned, it was future revealing him a man of no orchildren and their dinary intellect nearing the goal of There was no wagon in came the warming of his tender heart which to carry the earthly possessions towards those of the opposite sex. sleep, but roamed simlessly about, inof the little family into the new coun- There is the record of three love af-

"There was a wild-rose slip of walked beside the other that carried girl in a slatted blue sunbonnet with ings, the four turned their faces to- homespun days. There was a clever storm shall beat on her grave," There cultured woman, whose The time of their setting out was a tellect lighted his ascending way in est and his friends watched him lest the sutumn day. The landscape the Illinois Legislature. And there he end his own life. As was the belle of the gay social set at familiar scenes faded with each stage Springfield who fluttered across his of the journey and with them all re- pathway as it led to Washington. minders, so also did the gloom of the One he loved, one he tried to and past life vanish, like magic, from the one he married. These were the womtired countenance of Nancy Lincoln en that he courted. They loved Lin-The past was the past—the future a coin. To them the greatest American bright and beautiful country of for- was far nearer than a lofty figure on getfulness, and she would soon begin a high pedestal. They heard his

heart-beats." In 1880, on a flatboat, Lincoln floatbeen reached, Tom Lincoln began the ed down the Sangamon river to a married, but it is said that when an erection of a house, Hardly had it small town. New Salem, near Springbeen finished before his wife sickened field. III. A few days after arriving

From all accounts the young mother, and his hands too helped dig man's appearance at that time was

> His first place of honor among the village folk was his appointment to years: captain of the local militia. He gain- seem ! justice of the peace and finally ran pocketknife."

for the Legislature. The most important man of New who admired Lincoln greatly on ac-Salem, socially and financially, was count of his sterling qualities. She James Rutledge, a frontiersman who was Mrs. Benhett Able, originally from several years previous to that time Kentucky and a woman of wealth and

parable to the first President.

If the writer is still living and should feel called upon to make another statement on the same subject, his over-balance would most surely fall toward another name in the presidential row.

With the exception of the number
with the wither the the word considered a place of mounting the the woman had every right to believe be" and 'to do" that none but the ambitious hands of Nancy Hanks had limplanted.

Shortly after Lincoln's coming to New Salem John McNeill went back to his old home in New York State ome day be a great man."

to go and in a pathetic pleading tone "yes," but his courtship had lacked Before his mother had been dead asked of Postmaster Lincoln: "Isn't the order and enthusiasm that charthere a letter to-day?" And he would allently shake his head. The pity of truly in love. Mrs. Daggett says: a woman in distress appealed to the "She kept the young man waiting a woman in distress appealed to the heart of the great man and it wasn't long before his sympathy was diagnosed as something nearer and dear-

> Ann Rutledge were at her feet, in the days before she was flanceed to John McNeill. Lincoln had stood at a Jistance and dared to admire, lack of self-confidence, his depreciation of his own ability in competition kept him from joining the throng. But at last, when an oppor-tunity presented itself for him to ofhe had served as a member of the Legislature Lincoln returned unex-pectedly. Ann greeted him more cordially than before and scrutinizing her happy face, he realized that she at last loved him.

A few nights afterward, he accom panied her to a "quilting" and while the others of the party kept up a perfect din of noise with their gay chatter, hed rew nearer to her and in a whispered voice told her that he loved her. The pretty face grew with an unbroken resolve to handle red in confusion, the head drooped and the needle fell from the nervous fingers of Ann Rutledge.

"But I'm promised; promised still o him was her whispered reply.
"Him! He's forfelted all right," the coung man insisted, and he added,

If the stepmother felt any jealous When no answer came to it, she gave as it may seem, she, too, as Mary pangs of the "angel mother" of whom her heart into the keeping of the Owens, and himself was a Kentuck-

the section where the Lincolns had boy learned honor, perserverance, when those studies would be comtaken up their abode. Nancy Hanks cheerfulness and bravery in sur-pleted, he and Ann Rutledge had

> perately ill of fever. One day in August, as she lay ill and the doctors had given no hope of her recovery, the father sent a messenger to Abraham

died. Lincoln stood by the open storm subsided and he became once and woke me."

grave as they lowered her precious more his normal self It was not ma form and when the clods with their dismal thump sobbed in awful agony, "my heart is

For days he would neither eat nor sane with grief. When the winter try. On two borrowed horses, one of fairs in the life of Lincoln. Mabei storms came, and the wind and rain beat upon the little mound in the cemetery, his sufferings were keenest."I cannot bear it! I cannot bear it!" whom he walked the lanes of his he moaned, "that the rain and the brilliant in- were times when his grief raged wild-

When Ann Rutledge had been burled two months. John McNelll, the supposed faithless lover, returned him on his way home; his father's death just after reaching there had conspired with other things to delay his return. He was soon told of Ann's death and wept bitterly with those healed his wound and he afterwards old man his voice choked with emo-tion whenever the name of his former Mrs. Lincoln was very ambitious,

The tempestuous grief of Lincoln was never rid. He again took his mother, and his hands too helped dig man's appearance at that time was was never rid. He again took his feat in a congressional race so popular the grave in which they buried her, anything but prepossessing. He is place in the business world and having served one term in Congress with having served one term in Congress with death said to have been tall, lank and unmingled freely with old and new having served one term in Congress in the writer says:

"The observation was made by joyou friends, but he was ever afterwards Lincoln returned to Springfield and in the sensitive and suffering as brogans, his homespin trouvers were subject to periods of melancholy out of which no mortal could divert him sion. In explanation of his peculiar conduct. he once said to a friend in after seem to be enjoying life rapturously.

several years previous to that time Kentucky and a woman of wealth and White House occurred one year later. White House occurred one year later then, the ranger of men who had moved from South Carolina to Il-high social position. On one occasion lines. As keeper of the village tave when Mrs. Able was making preparation. Lincoln became intimately actions for a visit home, she said joking.

most made him lover her as he himself afterwards admitted. He only felt that way, however, when it became plain to his astonished senses that the lady was not overcome with the honor of his proposal. While he con-sidered himself really in danger of aceptance he was writing from Springheld in this vein:

"Friend Mary —I am often think-ing what we said of your coming to live at Springfield. I am afraid you would not be satisfied. What I have said I will positively spide by, provided you wish it. My opinion is that you had better not do it. You have ot been accustomed to hardship, and It may be more severe than you imag-I know you are capable of thinkyou decide, then I am willing to abide

"LINCOLN." Mrs. Daggett also records a statethe recorded letter was written, in which one sees still more clearly how the young man felt about his probable He wrote of his love affair marriage.

to a friend: "Through life, I have been in no bondage, real or imaginary, from the thraldom of which I so much desired to be free; I now spend my time in planning how I might procrastinate the evil day for a time, which I really dreaded as much as, perhaps, more than, an Irishman does the halter.

of her respect and appreciation of the great man's character.

Some historians say that Lincoln was never sure of the whole heart of Ann Rutledge and that of itself made him love the more desperately. But that statement is utterly false, and laid siege to Mary Todd's heart. As the respect to the ungainly, penniless law-yer to her other suitors, gave a timely plead her cause and when the President had learned that the boy had spitefulness and acerbity so rife in served on picket duty the night previous to his turn for a friend and without sleep for forty-eight hours, had fallen asleep on his duty night as himself designed to the traffic in the respect to the ungainly, penniless law-yer to her other suitors, gave a timely plead her cause and when the President hat the boy had spitefulness and acerbity so rife in much of the abolition oratory before vious to his turn for a friend and without sleep for forty-eight hours, had fallen asleep on his duty night as himself designed to the very large.

he told her that he couldn't marry day since the fall of Sumter. her as he didn't love her as he should. After a pause of some le The gay girl burst into tears and the continued: tender heart of the man was so moved "But a

fell on the coffin, he at the time, he said: "I am the most of his dreams came true. The inde-ul agony, "my heart is miserable man living. If what I feel scribable happiness that he expewrote another friend: that there is one still unhappy, whom only once before, it was just before I have contributed to make so. That

kills my soul." mutual friend of Lincoln and Mary to go with him to Ford's Theatre to Todd brought about a reconciliation witness a performance of "Our Amerand the two wers very quietly mar-lican Cousin." During one of the acts ried soon after. It was said that the Wilkes Booth, a member of the theatexpression on the bridegroom's face rical troupe, walked out on the porbringing with him his mother, sisters when the vows were being said was tion of the stage nearest the Presi-and brothers. An illness had befallen anything but a happy one and the dent's box and fired toward him, in-him on his way home; his father's stories related of his peculiar conduct that he felt he was doing his duty rather than his pleasure. The young rather than his pleasure. The young couple were too poor to own a house or even go to housekeeping. They boarded with a wides of the couple were too poor to own a house boarded with a wides of the couple were too poor to own a house boarded with a wides of the couple were too poor to own a house boarded with a wides of the couple were too poor to own a house too p boarded with a widow of Springfield more personalities than any other until after their first son, Robert Todd mortal man was ever possessor of

lulled into a heartache of which he after their marriage she saw him de-

Severel years ago a journalist, the undisputed truth of the wonder- his house. The tavern keeper's aister back for you to marry." and spicuous a part in the social life of cular conqueror of his youthful compeculating on the amount of literative peculating on the amount of literative peculation, but there is quainted with him while a boarder in ly to the young man. "I'll bring my aristocracy that had formed so conmanded with him while a boarder in ly to the young man. "I'll bring my aristocracy that had formed so conmanded with him while a boarder in ly to the young man. "I'll bring my aristocracy that had formed so conmanded with him while a boarder in ly to the young man. "I'll bring my aristocracy that had formed so conmanded with him while a boarder in ly to the young man. "I'll bring my aristocracy that had formed so conmanded with him while a boarder in ly to the young man. "I'll bring my aristocracy that had formed so conmanded with the undisputed truth of the wonder- his house. The tavern keeper's aister back for you to marry." and spicuous a part in the social life of cular conqueror of his youthful companions, the witty champion of the who walked with firm but hopeless that already made on one so young. When the governmental centre returned to panions, the witty champion of the who walked with firm but hopeless that already made on one so young. When the social life of cular conqueror of his youthful companions, the witty champion of the who walked with firm but hopeless that the undisputed truth of the winding truth of the winding the undisputed truth of the winding truth of t her that he was giving her his un-divided attention unrest their second son. Willie Lin-science uncanny of the military Suddenly, one day, he realized that

The dreadful responsibility of being war President bore down upon him. acterized that of a man really and truly in love. Mrs. Daggett says

"She kept the young man waiting in such blind uncertainty that she allowed the such blinds are such as the such as th and the nation's need of him, alone served to keep his physical being monitions, ready to investigate the stimulated to withstand the exhaustive strain.

the same help of him.

His broad humanity is vividly pictured in a story that Mr. Oppenneim tells in the February Designer of a girl who took advantage of the offered privilege and plead for the life of her ing correctly upon any subject, and if sweethcart. The agitated countenance, you deliberate maturely on this before as the writer describes that of the young woman, appealed to the President before she had made known to him her mission. As she sobbed out that she had come to beg for the life of Robert Miller, condemned to be shot for sleeping at his post, Lincoln's nent of Lincoln's made shortly after face took on that expression that always characterized its

when he beheld one in distress. "That's bad," he replied. "How much time is left?"

"They are going to kill him to-morw," was the answer "Is he your brother?" the President further questioned.

"Then you love him?"

Yes-yes-After a prolonged silence Lincoln The next love affair in which Lincoln became entangled had not the
ending of his second. It was during
were submerging him. In fancy, he
sonated their pathos as to amaze all "Him! He's forfeited all right," the young man insisted, and he added, field that he met Mary Todd, the sister of Mrs. Ninian Edwards, and the gar of Mrs. Ninian Edwards so the great tragedians of the period whom McNeill, breaking her engagement which the Edwardses moved. Strange saw another woman-one that he had typhoid fever. Yes, he was sure she great tragedians of the period whom no young Napeleon in the Union army would have pleaded for his life had it he welcomed to the White House and to discover, he says: ever been necessary.

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mother wise rather than bookwise gaged he left New Salem for Spring-cident of Mr. Douglas having accom-tinual conversation. He was very iniquity, constitutionally entrenched. The first Lincoln biography of any the first Lincoln biography of any the mand that from her the fast developing field to begin the study of law and panied his sweetheart to the home happy the war was nearly ended and in the nation's life, but he knew beof a friend in the country. When he already he felt his load lightening. At neath much skin that was black, even ed shortly after his assassination by

"But a little while ago I had a one of them, 'he was killed by an greatest need.

On August 25th the young woman reason. After a few months the brain-

nore his normal self

It was not many days after Lincoln
In relating his trouble to a friend pardoned the young soldier that one were equally distributed to the whole human family there would not be one cheerful face on earth." Later he of his friends, he attributed in part to "Since the the fast closing hostilities. His wife, fatal 1st of January, 1841, it seems to however, seemed to consider it an ill me that I would have been entirely omen and intimated her fears to Linhappy but for the never-absent idea coin thus: 'I have seen you this way

On April 15th, 1865, Good Friday, When some months had elapsed a he invited General and Mrs. Grant

politically, for her husband and it was had malice toward none and charity

Twelve years later, from Chicago, ed in simultaneously gaining distincwhere the national Republican con- tion and affection unless he possessed "Even though to others. I vention was being held came to him something of an epicene nature—that the message that he had received the is to say, a mixture of masculine and captain of the social position as he thrashed yet when I am alone, I am so much the builty of the town, became post- everome by mental depression that ad States. When his friends through notably incarnated this blending of master, argued cases before the local at times I dare not carry even my he withdrew from them, exciaining unique amalgam may be discovered. In New Salem there was a woman that he must carry the dispatch to a the roots of that marvelous personlittle woman down at his house who ality that astounded the nation as he would be interested to hear about it. rose to the demands of the successive The advent of the Lincolns into the crises of his tempestuous administra-

"But there was immeasurable fem-

ininity in him, also, and it was this womanliness that made him the mystic, pondering his dreams, heeding, even coming to look for prepermeating more than all, it was this that made At the War Department in Wash-ington, friends and relatives were allowed to call and make inquiries concerning the campaign and also pre-lieve. It was this that make him the great heart who could see neither bird, beast nor man suffer while he had it in his power to re-tieve. It was the woman in Lincoln concerning the campaign and also pre-sent petitions for special favors. Bu-side this Lincoln set aside two hours mired sow from her plight, that ten-derly returned the fallen fledgling to each out of two days in every week derly returned the fallen fledgling to in which persons might call and seek its nest in the White House grounds; that wrote the pardoning autograph to the appeals of so many of the boys of the Blue armies that martinets despaired of discipline. It was the woman in him that told him that the wives and mothers and daughters who was was strategically a war of conprayed at morning, noon and night quest to be settled only by sharp ofwith windows opened toward the fensive operations and steady grinding South, and who scanned every war pressure in which the superior weight bulletin with that indescribable dread of the North would be sure to tell. * which only the motherhood of armies * 11 was Lincon's initiative that know, were as worthy of his and the started the opening of the Mississippi nation's praise as the bravest of those which cut the Confederacy in two-who sped to bullets and swung sabers has been to me to mark Lincoln as a pen to their petition.

surprisingly acute student and inter-preter of the great poetry of the ages. political duties sufficient to wear out preter of the great poetry of the ages. That he was such a master, especially of Shakespeare and Burns, was one of the surprises of all who came to an intellect of the highest type. know him intimately in Washington and is something that even to this day is but little grasped by many of his ardent admirers. Yet he so dug to who were privileged to sit with him with whom he talked with marvelous

He was very iniquity, constitutionally entrenched was about to return he leasingly ask-ed, "Now, Mary, I am going back to "I had a dream last night. I think there rioted all the passions of the "Katrina." to arouse a lethargic North, the actual After a pause of some length, he truth was that all slaveholders were not Legrees nor all slaves Uncle Tom."

In portraying the mother-spirit of "Lincoln has been ingenuously com-

may be compared. There need be no Quiet Along the Potomac," by Ethel hesitancy in making this comparison, L. Beers. for there can be no intimation in it. The centenary of Abraham Lin-that any of His divine characteristics coin's birth, on February 12th of the found counterpart in America's great present year, was observed with all commoner, yet in the fulness and the pomp and ceremony due the memrepresentativeness of actual humanity ory of the great man. North and which ennobled the race in Jesus Lin- South combined in the commemoracoin gives better illustration, possibly, tion, forgetting that Lincoln marked than any other of whom we have record.

"Lincoln, the common people heard and followed gladly. He knew their have not ended with the celebration vocabulary, yet the elect minds who of February 12th. At least fourteen came into closest relations with him States have accepted the day as a discovered that which aroused their yearly legal holiday and many more homage. He was not a woman's man, in the future will also adopt it as They ter, historians have attributed to him yet women accorded him their unsuch One of the recent magazines gfield more personalities than any other bounded trust and admiration, dissease of the Lincoln statue which is mortal man was ever possessor of

Tenderness and sympathy are the terpreter of their feelings and sortive State is by no means industrial that constituents in a nature that had malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity and malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity and malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity and malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity and malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity and malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity and malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity had malice toward none and charity and malice toward none and charity had none and charity had malice toward none and charity had politically, for her husband and it was nad mance toward none and that young and so interested within his court house square of the village of with keen satisfaction that four years for all," says George Lemmon in his every child that came within his court house square of the village of the reach, that he met the greatest test of Hodgenville within a few miles of the h he after their marriage she saw him de-this feat in a congressional race so popu. Lincoln," appearing in the March De-the epicene—childhood. The children Lincoln farm, by the State of Kens-and lar a man as Peter Cartwright. After in the friend, the man in the bit of a der Weinman, was a student of Saint joyous romp he remained unto the Gaudens, and is recognized as one of

In the innumerable sketches of Lingreatness as a dim and shadowy background against which they stood those predominant characteristics of Washington that will connect other virtues. A smaller number have this bridge it has also been suggest tains a defense of his mental superfority and quotes one writer as having name. said of him this;

strenuous as a great, sad-eyed emancipator; a echoes his fame,

did or undertook structor in statecraft of Seward and good taste, but with a queer intuitive dat of their social Adams, the foregaster with a pre-

egotists as Chase and such autocrats forceful brain. I do not question Lincoin's moral greatness. I do not undervalue his broad humanity, his utter unselfishness, his elemental patience. But had these qualities not been guided by a great and oddly penetrating intellect . . . our na-tional temple would be the poorer for the ngure of one of its greatest heroes, But, while libraries have been filled with praises of moral supremacy, littie has been written and less read oncerning his mental greatness." Admitting that Lincoln lost his head

during Sonewall Jackson's raid, the writer offers further explanation: "For the rest he showed himself a master! The skill with which he pressure in which the superior weight really great war President; as a man who, though not a soldier, had a pretty "It was the marvelous amaiga-mating of these differing sex charac-teristics in him that made him such a trade. And to get that understand-

> experience worth mentioning argues Of the three charges against Line coln's mental superiority: ignorance of financial matters; poor judgment of men and failure at the very first to unite all the Union armies under field-commander, the author of the magazine sketch answers the first two satisfactorily. Of the last charge, after having admitted that there was

> the average man, and with no personal

"We had a number of men who "You want me to save his life?" insight concerning their art and its proved themselves good generals; but e continued.

"You want me to save his life?" insight concerning their art and its proved themselves good generals; but e continued. "You must," was the pathetic reply. sex-temperament in him must be as-"I can't," he answered her, almost scribed his capacity to understand the either haste or irregularity in raising The undaunted girl continued to as seen by both masters and slaves.

It was this that freed him from the learned the either haste or irregularity in raising him to the chief command. * * When ent had learned the learned th without delay and without reserva-

and supported heartily." The first real literature prepared that statement is utterly false, and there is no reason to believe that the girl ever looked with anything save horror to the possible return of John McNeill and his claiming her for his wife.

Shortly after Lincoln became en
had fallen asleep on his duty night as human flesh he was surpassed not ever, from that first sight of actual slavery. With the young woman h: left the when he beheld an unfortunate New Orleans negress on the auction-block. A historian records the amusing in-

he had come from Springfield to and in the dally realization of such spend her birthday with her. Soon he felt that he must break his engagement with Mary Todd. At length Good Friday, and it's four years torepresented over twenty years' labor on the part of its authors. The manuscript was sold to the Century magasine for \$50,000. From the large edition, several years ago Mr. Nicholay culled the most important statistical accounts and episodes and named his condensed work "A Short History of Abraham Lincoln.

Before Ida M. Tarbell began her "Life of Abraham Lincoln," she announced through the pages of a widely read magazine that she would be glad to have any person who knew was destined to serve his country as this highest officer.

When he was 8 years old, his stepfather decided that he would move his family from Kentucky farther his family from Kentucky farther women.

West. Tom Lincoln had heard of the youth embraced the women women with his heart everlastingly pictured with only an open wood fire study with only an open wood fire women women.

Lincoln personally, to communicate him which, through him which again overtaken him which the guest and raished him which the friend who had gone in search of him women.

The years bridging the boyhood and him at daybreak almost insane found him at daybreak almost insane. The memory of Ann Rutledge had him who had gone in search of him who h Lincoln personally. two books of fiction in which Lincoln pared to most of the great men of the appeared as a character. These are, world—Caesar, Napoleon, Henry of "The Crisis," by Winston Churchill. Navarre, William the Silent, Moses, and "The Voice of the People," by El-Luther, Cromwell, Washington, Wilberforce and Bright, but all these lack been numbers of tributes paid him by the unique blending of the sexes we the poets, as the "Emancipation find in him. There is but one charac- Group," by John Greenleaf Whittier. ter, and that confessedly the most Commemoration Ode," by James unique that history has known, to Russell Lowell, "Captain, O My Capwhom the all-aroundness of Lincoln tain," by Walt Whitman, and "All

The memorial exercises on Lincoln the leaders in his profession, statue will be unveiled on Mer coin's life the majority of authors Day May 30th." There has been for have used the President's mental some time a proposition under discurrion that suggests the erection of a Memorial and Potomac Bridge gentleness, honesty and a thousand city with Arilington. Near the end of denied the existence of such a thing that another memorial be erected. In as mental greatness in his make-up. Chicago Lincoln's memory will most The February Review of Reviews con- probably be further perpeturated by raillion dollar auditorium bearing his

America resounds with the praise "One is that which sets him forth of her immortal dead and Europe re-