

THE BETTER DAY
Hard thoughts blind anger. And
gives hands.
That hand that realises world at strife,
Means passions that like choking
hands.

Pride and hot envy and cold greed.
The cankers of the latter will.
What if you triumph, and yet bleed?
Oh, can it not be still?

Oh, shall there be no space, no time,
No certainty of weal in store,
No freedom in a mother's clasp,
Where earth shall strive no more?

Where every motion of the heart
Still serves the spirit's master-call,
With force of will to the chosen part,
And human kindnesses all!

Or shall we but by fits and flings
Find love but to the rest of life,
And peace but in the grave?
—From *Lyrics of Earth* by Archibald
Lampland.

Foolishly
"Are they fresh?" asked a woman
buying fish from a confectioner. The
cutter looked at his long-dried stock.
"Fresh, mum? Why, just look at 'em."
And turning to his wife he shouted,
"She still, can't you see?"

"Natural," replied
Teacher: "A blood is anything that
lives on two feet. John you name
one?"
John: "Yes, m'am, a pair of stock-
ings."

HARD TIMES THAT WERE MADE

From 1862 on during the Civil War
in the South only those who owned
land could live in any comfort with the
high cost of living. The old looms,
which had been idle almost a generation,
were set in motion, and the
old spinning wheels came back into
use. The stout women, whom they
produced, clothed, in time, almost
everybody in the Confederacy.
From the south to the north, from
the coast to the city. One of these ladies
appeared at a ball in Richmond wearing
a dress of homespun, ornamented
profusely with gold and buttons dyed
out of eggshells. Her hair was
done up with dried flowers which did not
lose their perfume for personal adornment.
Experiments were made constantly to
make good "fast" dyes. The pine
tree root, oak bark, myrtle, myrrh,
brown was extracted from walnuts.
Brown was extracted from
walnut hulls. The potash produced
a brilliant red which was popular
among the Southern ladies. These dyes
were used to dye the day.

Paper, pens and ink were almost
un procurable. The citizens went back
to the use of quills and feathers, and
the reverse side of wallpaper for stationery,
and made ink out of the
crimson sap of oak gall. One of the
earliest contributions of the South
to the Confederacy, however, was the
large number of slaves who had
the art of spinning and weaving.
A blockade runner, coming into a Southern port
with a load of cotton, would land
the lot within a very short time at an
enormous profit.

Women knitted for the night
and sold the next day. "Candy
canes"—candy dipped in tallow
and wound around berries. The time came
when flour was \$150 a barrel, bacon
\$100 a pound, and a pound of
salted pork \$1.00. When meat
was scarce and polluted were cooked as
greens.

Medicines were very scarce.
A quinine pill cost a dollar in Memphis
in 1862. Later the price went still
higher. The Hungry General went
about. —Extract from "Jefferson Davis" by
Alice Tait.

**News and Information
For the Busy Farmer**

WHAT SHOULD BE PLANTED AS FAR AS
possible in the east of the day who
works while the sun rises or sets.

THE INFLUENCE OF COTTON THIS YEAR TO
Date, up to August 1st, is as follows:

1933—1,000,000 bushels, as compared with
1932—1,200,000 bushels, when earnings
were stated and 1,000,000 for

1931. The balance which did not report
earnings was 1,000,000. The average
weight of all cotton was 150 pounds
per bale for 1932 and 160 for 1933.

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The Ottawa Spotlight

By Wilfrid Eggleston

Ottawa, Sept. 18.—Money is beginning
to flow more freely into the na-
tional treasury again. It was about
time, too, for April, May and June
showed such serious declines from pre-
vious months.

Finance Minister Borden was headed
for the west during the past week
and the money export during the
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