

# Abraham Lincoln

∴ The Great Emancipator ∴



## THE MAN WHO WAS BORN in A LOG CABIN

HE WAS born in a one-room cabin in the backwoods of Kentucky, and died in a tiny bedroom in a boarding house at the nation's Capital, while President of the United States.

He never had all-told more than a year's schooling in the most elementary subjects, yet he lived to write impeccable English, and to be judged by learned professors as master of purest literary style.

He grew up far removed from cultural influences and the niceties of polite society, yet wooed and won in marriage a Kentucky aristocrat, a society belle, and an accomplished linguist, Miss Mary Todd.

He never had the heart to kill any living thing, looked with disfavor on fire arms, but became by virtue of his high office, the commander-in-chief of the Union forces in a war which resulted in half a million slain.

He was smooth shaven for fifty-one of his fifty-six years, and grew a beard the winter before his inauguration, in good-natured compliance with the suggestion of a little girl who thought the change might improve his looks.

He was a voracious reader as a boy and young man, borrowing many a treasured volume, but he never owned a library of as many as a hundred volumes, excluding his law books.

He did not unite with a church, though he was a frequent attendant; sometimes called a "free thinker," he



He Was a Voracious Reader.

was unusually familiar with the Bible and during his Presidency, on his own confession was a praying man.

He was often of a melancholy mood, subject to seasons of gloom and grief, yet was as often buoyant, laughing heartily over a good joke and told droll stories inimitably.

He loved greatly all children, and was most indulgent with his own, permitting "Tad" to make a play room of his office in the White House.

He never could wear gloves with ease; formal society functions bored him, and at his first inauguration he was puzzled as to the disposal of his gold-headed cane and high hat—until his great protagonist, Stephen A. Douglas, came to his relief.

He wrote a neat hand, devised clear and uninvolved sentences, avoided big words, never padded his speeches, was frequently laconic and pointedly brief.

He was fond of poetry, wrote verses of a homely sort and liked best poems of a somber or pathetic appeal, as for example, "The Last Leaf" and "O Why Should the Spirit of Mortal be Proud?"

He observed the faults and foibles of his friends and associates, but seldom commented upon their shortcomings and never rebuked them either

In public or private; for a notable instance—William H. Herndon and his intemperate habits.

He revered George Washington, admired Thomas Jefferson, at one time idolized Henry Clay, read with avidity the speeches of Daniel Webster.

He numbered among his friends an unusually large company of ministers of the Gospel, yet when he ran for President, only three of the twenty-odd ministers in Springfield voted for him.

He loved to sit with the "boys" about the stove in the village store on winter evenings, crack jokes, and listen to the gossip of the neighborhood, delighted in minstrel shows, was tickled by the antics of clowns and comedians, thought a traveling circus was great fun.

He had one of the best "forgetter-les" of all our public men, thus he "forgot" the shabby treatment he received at the hands of Edwin M. Stanton in Cincinnati, 1835, and appointed him secretary of war in his cabinet.

He was indifferent as to his personal attire, yet was distinctive in his choice of a high topped hat, long-tailed coat, and a black bow tie, worn around a low turned-down collar.

He was in life mercilessly criticized, treacherously misrepresented, cruelly maligned, and basely slandered, and in death he was all but defiled.

He was scrupulously honest, long suffering, and patient beyond most mortals, magnanimous and just, forgiving, and a stranger to hate.

He was not a demigod, but very human; he made mistakes and profited by them; he was a lover of his kind and made generous allowance for the imperfections of humanity, and because of these all too rare virtues "Now he belongs to the ages."—Detroit News.

### Abraham Lincoln Always Of, By and For the People

"So long as there is a man willing to work, but unable to find employment, the hours of labor are too long."

The words quoted above are not those of a modern-day economist; they came from the mind and lips of one who long ago had his finger on the pulse of American affairs. He came from the people and rose to high estate and esteem by mere force of character and indomitable will. He was more self-educated than learned. He held no degree from a great university; he discovered no new planets; he flew no oceans; he amassed no colossal fortune. Yet he did, at a time when it required a degree of courage rare in history, stand firm for his convictions. Class meant little to him beyond a division set aside for self-centered ends. He was of, by and for the people.

He had visions, yet was not visionary. His judgment may not have been infallible, yet it was based on logic and foresight. His work was arduous, yet he never turned aside. Hard labor was his portion in early life, his choice later. Of lowly origin, he rose to heights never dreamed of. Outwardly unassuming, perhaps, but polished as the finest steel beneath. Rough at times, perhaps, yet tender as a woman to those in distress, he who spoke the words quoted saw far into the future and the thought came from the heart. He was the workers' friend.

He is so still. As long as the world exists, down through the ages will reverberate Abraham Lincoln's forceful words of consolation and encouragement to all who earn a livelihood by the sweat of the brow. The world may never see his like again, but his memory will never perish.

Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong.—Lincoln.

Slaves Freed January 1, 1863  
The proclamation of emancipation, which freed all the negro slaves, was proclaimed by Lincoln, September 22, 1862, and became effective January 1, 1863.

## ANTHOLOGY of LINCOLN

By MINNA IRVING

A BEACON on the mountain height Where Freedom waves her banner bright, A clear, serene and steady light.

A hand that reaches from the dust And writes for us in God to trust, And be both merciful and just.

A soul that lives to cheer and bless The student in his loneliness, And point the pathway to success.

A spirit humble, yet divine, That poured its essence superfine Unstintedly at Freedom's shrine.

A broad humanity to all, A love embracing great and small, A sword, a flame, a bugle call.

A heart of faith inviolate, A voice immortal in debate, A lighthouse to the ship of state.

A name undimmed as years go by, A glory that will never die, A star eternal in the sky.

His natal day from sea to sea, Lord God, we render thanks to Thee, For Lincoln and his memory.

—N. Y. Herald.

### Mary Todd Lincoln, Wife of Emancipator



This newly discovered portrait study of Mary Todd Lincoln, wife of Abraham Lincoln, is the work of Daniel Huntington and constitutes a distinct contribution to the nation's Lincolniana. Mrs. Lincoln, the daughter of Robert Smith Todd, was born in 1818 at Lexington, Ky., and died in 1882, seventeen years after the assassination of the President.

### Fort Stevens, Where Lincoln Saw Battle

In Georgia avenue, near Walter Reed hospital and not many miles from the White House, is a small but neatly kept cemetery. It is a grim reminder of the trying period during the Civil war when the Confederates were almost in sight of the Capitol.



Fort Stevens Cemetery.

Here rest 40 soldiers who fell in the battle of Fort Stevens that occasion. Fort Stevens, which stood not far from this cemetery, was one of the hastily thrown up chain of small forts which encircled the city. It was the only one of the local forts that figured in a battle during the War of the Rebellion. It was here that President Lincoln exposed himself to fire to watch the engagement. He exercised his prerogative as commander-in-chief of the army to do so after General Wright ordered him to retire from danger.

### LINCOLN'S IDEA ON HOLDING PROPERTY

PROPERTY is the fruit of labor. Property is desirable. It is a positive good to the world. That some should be rich shows that others may become rich, and hence is just encouragement to industry and enterprise. Let not him who is houseless pull down the house of another, but let him work diligently and build one for himself, thus by example assuring that his own shall be safe from violence when built.—Abraham Lincoln.

### Improperly Fitted Collars on Horses

Harness Too Tight Stops Normal Breathing.

By R. B. REED, Department of Agricultural Engineering, University of Illinois.—WNU Service.

How long can a horse hold its breath?

The question isn't as pointless and useless as it would seem at first glance. With the improperly fitted collars now used on far too many horses, the question of how long they can hold their breath determines how long they can keep pulling when they are trying to move a heavy load, he explained.

This has been demonstrated at numerous horse and mule pulling contests which the extension service of the agricultural college has held over the state to determine what relation size, type, soundness, condition, training, driving, shoeing and style and fit of collars and harness have to pulling ability of horses.

When a team which is fitted with collars which are too tight is pulling at a load which is lighter, not heavier, than its real ability, the dynamometer is pulled about the same distance each of the three trials at the particular load. If a team which pulls in this manner is observed closely, it becomes evident that the collars have hindered or stopped normal breathing, and that the horses have pulled as long as they could hold their breath.

At some contests competent men have examined the teams and found that as many as three out of four were equipped with collars which prevented the horses from pulling to the best advantage.

The average properly harnessed team which is attempting to pull a load even greater than its ability will pull the dynamometer a shorter distance on each of its three trials. This is natural when it is considered that a great deal of energy must be expended in pulling the heavier loads.

### Packing in Lard Good Way to Keep Sausage

To keep sausage during the cool months, Miss Alice M. Child, home economist, Minnesota University farm, suggests two methods. One method is to make the sausage into patties and fry until a delicate brown and thoroughly cooked. Pack in a sterilized crock and cover well with lard. Beef patties may also be handled in the same manner.

The second method is as follows: Pack a small crock or a two-quart jar with raw sausage, pressing meat down firmly. Bake in a slow oven (300 degrees F.), two and one-half hours for jars, or three hours for crocks. The fat which rises to the top will form a seal when it cools and solidifies. If the fat is not two inches thick, add a little hot lard. This method sterilizes the container, cooks the meat and renders some of the lard for sealing. Miss Child cautions that the sausage should be thoroughly cooked.

Some interesting uses for sausage, suggested by Miss Child, include: Baked squash stuffed with sausage, or green peppers stuffed with sausage, or cottage pie with sausage. Cottage pie is made by placing the cooked sausage in a baking dish, covering it with mashed potatoes and browning in the oven, or until the sausage and potato are thoroughly heated.

### Watch Growing Pigs

More pigs suffer from a lack of protein and minerals in their rations than is generally realized. This would not be the case if more attention were paid to their feed. A pig that is self-fed—and all pigs intended for the market should be self-fed—a ration of corn or other farm grains, supplemented with a mixture of tankage, soybean oil meal and linseed or cottonseed meal, and given free access to salt and a simple mineral mixture, will not suffer from mineral deficiencies.

Where skim milk and buttermilk is available for supplementing the farm grown grains, consider that two gallons are equal in protein and mineral content to one pound of the usual trinity protein mixture. The mistake is too often made when milk is fed to assume that most any amount is sufficient for balancing a grain ration. Milk is one of the very best protein supplements because its protein has a very high nutritive value, but never forget that milk carries only 13 per cent of solid matter.—Wallaces' Farmer.

### Should Keep Books

For those who shy at the idea of keeping books on the entire farm business, let us suggest that they at least try to check the income and outgo on the main farm enterprise, such as hog raising. One of the main essentials is a scale, although this is not absolutely necessary. Keep track of number of bushels of feed put into self-feeders and know amount paid for purchased feed.—Wallaces' Farmer.

### Agricultural Notes

The amount of flour from a bushel of wheat is enough to make from 48 to 57 one-pound loaves of bread.

The average farm family accumulates more wealth and lives longer than does the average city family.

New York city used a greater bulk of vegetables than of any other food last year, or 220,308 carloads of vegetables compared to 148,318 carloads of milk.

### Few Really Perfect in Their Sense of Smell

It is related of one of the most illustrious German physicians that, whenever he entered the room of a sick person, he sniffed the air, and that he detected the nature of the illness infallibly by this means.

The fineness of the sense of smell has decayed with the progress of our mechanical civilization, especially among the residents of cities. Perhaps the growth of the tobacco habit has contributed to this effect.

Yet we must admit, too, that the sense of smell in its perfection is granted to few. Not many physicians are as highly endowed in this respect as are some breeds of dogs. These can tell by the bodily odor of their masters how sick those masters are.

It seems well established that a dog can smell the fact that his master is going to die. This is why some dogs so mysteriously abandon their masters.

There is the case of a lady who owned a pet monkey. It abandoned her, and before many days she had

the measles. When she recovered, the monkey returned.

Some men have the scent of a hound. They can tell merely by smelling an overcoat in the hall, who has come for a visit.—C. G. von Maasen, in the Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung (Berlin).

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