

# Mother's Day



MISS ANNA JARVIS  
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**MOTHER O' MINE**  
If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose love would follow me still,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose tears would come down to me,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were cursed in body and soul,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose prayers would make me whole,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
—Rudyard Kipling.

By JOHN DICKINSON SHERMAN  
**M**OTHER'S Day should be celebrated 365 days in the year. There's no need to argue about it. Every man and woman blessed with a good mother knows it's true and knows why it's true. It doesn't take a very old child to understand, either.

But, since human nature is human nature, every day isn't observed as Mother's Day. There is all the more reason, therefore, for observing the second Sunday in May—May 14, this year—with a real celebration. Someone has tried to figure out a real celebration after this fashion for sons:

Wear a flower in mother's honor—a white one if mother is dead; a colored flower for a living mother.  
Send mother a box of spring flowers.  
Write her a letter—a long one.  
Give mother a whole day of your time for that "good visit" she longs for.

Send mother your picture, and snapshots of your home, your children, your work.  
Tell mother your plans and ambitions—she made them possible.  
Tell mother your smaller troubles—she wants to help you.

Thank mother for her care and her teachings—tell her how they have helped you.  
Don't forget that mother still likes candy.  
Mother was your first and truest sweetheart—don't forget to say "I love you!"

For the daughters these things are suggested:  
It's your chance to say "thank you" to your best friend—your mother.  
Be sure to celebrate by wearing a flower for mother: White for mothers not living; colored flowers for mother still with you.

Send mother some gay spring flowers, a brilliant bouquet or a thrifty plant.  
Make a dainty cap or a "dress-up" gown or shirtwaist as a love gift to mother.

If mother is far away, send her a "special delivery letter" for her Sunday treat.  
Send mother the book you just enjoyed reading.

Don't forget to send her pictures of yourself, your friends and your good times.

Tell mother your small joys and sorrows and ask her advice—it will be good.  
Ask mother to tell you about her girlhood—you'll both enjoy it.  
Mother is a girl too. She likes pretty things, love, laughter and compliments. Give her some.

The spirit of this celebration is right enough. The letter of it falls. Nobody can tell you how to observe Mother's Day. You know. If she's a red carnation mother make her happy. If she's a white carnation mother, do something that would make her happy if she were a red carnation mother.  
Nobody can draw up a celebration schedule for Mother's Day. How can one, when nobody can find adequate words to write about Mother's Day?

Mother's Day is something new in the way of holidays—not like Christmas and Easter which are old, old holidays. And it's new, compared with the Fourth of July. In fact, it's just about the newest holiday we have.  
It was no longer ago than 1906 that Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, honoring the memory of her own mother on the anniversary of her death, conceived of a day of which everyone should do reverence to his mother, whether living or dead. The World's Sunday School association adopted the plan, and, in the next few years, annually designated one Sunday as Mother's Day. The purposes of this celebration, as stated by Dr. George W. Bailey, then president of the association, were:

"To recall the memories of the mothers that are gone, and through loving words and loving care to brighten the lives of the mothers that remain, and to help children, men and women to a greater blessing in honoring their fathers and their mothers."  
"To recall mother's prayers, mother's dying words, and the promises made to mother by the big boy that still mourns her, and to stop and think a little of what she was in her life to her family."

In 1908 Miss Jarvis founded an organization now known as Mother's Day International association.  
The idea was taken up by the states. In 1910 the governor of Washington issued a proclamation designating May 8 of that year as "Mother's Day" and urged it be celebrated by special services and the wearing of a white flower in honor of all mothers. In 1912 the governor of Oklahoma issued a similar proclamation.  
National recognition was given Mother's Day by resolution of the Sixty-third congress, approved by the President of the United States on May 8, 1914, designating that the second

Sunday in May thereafter should generally be known as "Mother's Day," and directing that it should be the duty of the President to request its observance by issuing a proclamation calling upon the government officials to display the United States flag on all government buildings, and the people to display the flag at their homes or other suitable places on this day, "as a public expression of our love and reverence for the mothers of our country."  
Originally the white carnation was the flower worn in observance of the day. Then the public settled on white carnations for mothers dead and red carnations for mothers living; then on white flowers and colored flowers. Now the tendency is to wear "mother's favorite flower."  
The great of the world have been proud to pay tribute to mothers.  
Unhappy is the man for whom his own mother has not made all other mothers venerable.—Richter.  
A man never sees all that his mother has been to him till it's too late to let her know that he sees it.—W. D. Howells.

If you would reform the world from its errors and vices, begin by enlisting the mothers.—C. Simmons.  
I think it must somewhere be written that the virtues of the mothers shall be visited on their children, as well as the sins of the fathers.—Charles Dickens.

The loving sacrifices of motherhood must burn on the altar of undying faith. If I could bequeath but one priceless heritage to youth, it would be the ability to know the full measure of her love. Her influence is the most changeless thing in the fiber of a man's character. It outweighs arts, science, literature and philosophy, for her faith and works are better than all the wise man's knowledge.—Senator Lawrence Y. Sherman.  
Then there is the Gold Star Mother and the Mother in Time of War—oh, what's the use!

But they do say in France that in the moment of his wounding the British soldier thought first of his sweetheart, the French soldier of his wife and the American soldier of his mother. Never mind who won the World war; there's glory enough for all. But history will record this fact: America showed the world in this soldier who thought first of his mother, a new kind of fighting man:  
He marched laughing to the front. Veterans pitied him as a mere youth. Children loved him as one of them. Women gave him smiles for smiles. The enemy found him terrible—a fighting man who could not be stopped.

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### Honors to Slain Editor.

Durango, Colo.—The body of William L. Wood, city editor of the Durango Herald, who was shot and killed by Rod S. Day, rival editor of the Durango Democrat, was escorted to the railroad station by World war veterans in uniform, members of the Lions club and employes of the Herald. Six veterans acted as pallbearers. The body was placed on a train for Montrose, Colo., Wood's former home, where funeral services were held at the Congregational church.

### Newspaper Man Held in Movie Case.

San Francisco.—Honore A. Connette, a newspaper man, was detained at a local hotel by Detective J. A. Wynn of Los Angeles, as a result of many statements alleged to have been made by Connette in Hawaii indicating a knowledge of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, Los Angeles film director. Wynn questioned Connette for four hours and submitted the result of the quiz to District Attorney Woolwine at Los Angeles. Wynn said "some important information was obtained."

### Harding Pays Tribute to General Grant

Point Pleasant, Ohio.—Standing in the shadow of the spot where General Grant was born 100 years ago, President Harding brought forth great applause from 15,000 persons when he expressed his belief that the great Union leader would have approved "all the republic has so recently done in joining other nations in lifting the burdens of armament and promoting understandings which make war less likely."

### St. Charles River Overflows.

Pueblo, Colo.—A hail storm of severe intensity, following a twenty-four hour rainfall, caused the St. Charles river, a small stream seven miles east of Pueblo, to reach a flood stage. Several hundred acres of farm land were inundated, bridges were washed out and highways flooded. The stream which normally is about thirty feet wide, reached a width of more than 500 feet, becoming a raging torrent, reports received here said.

### Burned Forests Build No Homes.

Denver.—Every year forest fires in the United States destroy or damage sufficient timber to build houses for the entire population of a city the size of Washington, D. C.; New Orleans, La.; Denver, Colo.; or San Francisco, Calif., according to statement just issued by the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture, through "Safeguarding America Against Fire," the official bulletin of the National Board of Fire Underwriters. The area burned over each year, it is said, is equal to a strip ten miles wide reaching from New York City to Denver, Colo. The publication directs attention to the fact that fifteen years ago the bulk of public sentiment against forest fires was in the East. Today it is in the West, where 61 per cent of the remaining timber supply of the country is located. Over 81,000,000 acres of forest land that were formerly covered with timber are logged off or burned and completely denuded of tree growth. The solution of forestry problems, experts say, lies largely in fire prevention and reforestation.