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MOTHER'S DAY 1985

The Meaning of Mother

Mother means a warm hearth fire
On a stormy night.

Mother means a cradle soft,
The glow of candlelight.

*Mother means a cookie jar,
A glass of crimson jell.*

*It means loaves of crusty bread,
A home where love may dwell.*

It brings to mind the glory
Of daffodils in spring,
And conjures up a picture
Where memories will cling.

*The name possesses beauty
Which nothing ever mars,
A wealth of love and kindness
The constancy of stars.*

Mildred Moon Howell

2 Anna Jarvis of Grafton, W. Va. and Philadelphia, Pa. is properly credited with the ultimate Congressional launching of an official national observance of Mother's Day.

Other countries, for example, England (Mothering Sunday) had long observed similar days. In this country, Julia Ward Howe in 1872, Mary Towles Sasseen in 1887, and Frank E. Herring in 1904 made efforts to establish a Mother's Day.

On May 10, 1908 churches in Grafton and Philadelphia held special services to honor mothers at which the custom of wearing a red or white carnation took hold. It was the perseverance of Anna Jarvis through her church affiliations which finally led to the congressional actions that made Mother's Day an official custom of the U.S.A. in 1915.

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