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## Preface

The diversity of Lincoln's genius is nowhere more apparent than in the innumerable quaint sayings and epigrammatic phrases which he originated and which have become household words to all Americans. These gems of thought and expression, these quaint conceits and homely similes, as far as they appear in his authenticated writings and speeches, are here gathered together and arranged roughly by their subject matter. They are selected from *The Complete Works of Abraham Lincoln*,\* and the reference at the end of each is to the volume and page of that work.

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\*The Complete Works of Abraham Lincoln, edited by John G. Nicolay and John Hay. New and enlarged edition. 12 vols. 8vo. New York, Francis D. Tandy Company.





Anthology.



# Anthology of Sayings of Abraham Lincoln.

## HOUSE DIVIDED AGAINST ITSELF

“A house divided against itself cannot stand.” I believe this government cannot endure permanently half slave and half free. I do not expect the Union to be dissolved—I do not expect the house to fall—but I do expect it will cease to be divided.—*Speech at Springfield, Ill., June 16, 1858, vol. III, p. 1.*

## WITH MALICE TOWARD NONE

With malice toward none; with charity for all; with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in; to bind up the nation's wounds; to care for him who shall have borne the battle, and for his widow, and his orphan—to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations.—*Second Inaugural Address, Mar. 4, 1865, vol. XI, p. 46.*