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The following was sent in re. The following was sent in re
sponse to an invitation to be pres
ent at the reunion of old soldiers
tiful dreamer: Your invitation to me to be present at your bean ban-
quet is received, and I regret to say that a previous engagement will prevent me from taking you by ing you through green pastures
and besido still waters. Do you and besido still waters. Do yo
think f want to get all the bean in the country? I am not a hog,
Tom. I know when I get enough beans. That last paniul of beans
at the Milwukee camp-fire.fixed at the Milwaukee camp-fire fixed
me, and I have not looked a bean square in the face since. I don't
know what it is, but there is something in beans that make men so-
ciable and reckless. Beware of
beans Tom, as you value yonr future happiness. Look not upon
the bean when its baked and giveth its color in the pan, for at last
it swelleth like un acordeon and biteth like a cucumber.
But I would like to be there
Thomas, and take the old solidier
by the hand, and look into the by the hand, and look into the
eyes that are becoming dim, aud notice the
pencilings
hoys who,

woutd say: "My friend, you
wo old." You feel like kick
be right. You could not stand the
marching, the lying under fences,
sleeping in the mud and living on
army rations. It is hard to realize
it, but if another war was to break gat, our little Jaby that you left in crooning at the blue uniform in be the chap the government would
want.
Boys, you are rapidly becoming
 feel young enough to stub around
bome. You are "exempt" now. Do you realize that the little baby
girl who clang so as you said good bye, twenty years ago, with tears
in your as big as a glass paper weight or an editor's diamond, is
now a woman, married, and that atrother bnby is trying to nt
word "grandpa" when you
in putting on youthful airs?



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$\qquad$ tween his feet, and said: "Hey", called the "Sems lis hand to tike winter
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