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Fleurs du Sud - An Example of Southern Ingenuity - After the fall of New Orleans, Southern sympathizers came up with an ingenious way to demonstrate their support for the cause. Local artist, J.B. Guibert skillfully arranged a bouquet of flowers from which a lithograph was made. The upper left hand corner contained blue flowers and represented the blue canton. In the canton were placed eleven white five pointed flowers representing the seceded states and two others for the border states. Two rows of red flowers bordered a single row of white so that when viewed from afar, the bouquet resembled the beloved Stars and Bars or the First National Flag. Copies of the lithograph were hung in windows all over Federally occupied New Orleans. It was not long before General "Beast" Butler discovered the true meaning behind the lithographs and ordered them all removed. He relentlessly tried to locate and destroy every copy and was very successful but he could never destroy Southern spirit. Not many lithographic prints survived but one can be found in the Confederate Memorial Hall in New Orleans. If any of y'all venture south from your Camp Moore Reenactment trip, check out the Memorial Hall and let us know if you find this example of indefatigable Southern spirit.