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Shall Father Have a Day All His Own?

The writer sought in vain through several volumes of poetry for verses in praise of father to be placed at the head of this article. Mother has received her meed of well earned praise from the vers-makers, but father seems to have escaped or avoided their attention. Perhaps the observance of fathers' day will stimulate the poets to fitting expression of the debt most of us owe to our daddies.

It used to be "Father, dear father, come home with me now," the story being that father had had enough to drink. Daddy used to be represented as all sorts of a bad fun, with an ineradicable tendency to spend his wages instead of taking them dutifully home on Saturday night. Now it's "My father was a grand old man," and "Pin a rose on daddy, dear."

That's what they are going to do with father now. No longer is he to be numbered among the despised of the earth. The wind of public favor has veered around toward much abused dad, and he is to assume among the powers of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of nature and of nature's God entitle him. Why, he is to have even a day of his own—the third Sunday of every June. On that glad day sermons are to be preached for daddy's glorification, he is to be relieved from his usual duty of helping mother to dry the dinner dishes, and we are all to wear roses in his honor. Happy day for dad!

While mothers' day, the second Sunday in May, mothered by Miss Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia, has a few years' history behind it and is steadily spreading its influence throughout the United States, fathers' day is a product of the present year. Credit for it must be awarded to Mrs. John B. Dodd of Spokane, Wash. She is the "mother of fathers' day." Her suggestion that a day be set aside in her own city in honor of father met with instant recognition and favor in Spokane, and the city churches fell in line with remarkable unanimity. Fathers' day, 1910, was a great success in Spokane.

Mothers' day has its white carnation, the emblem of mother. Fathers' day has its rose, colored for the father who is still in the land of the living, white for the father who has passed away. If you wish to give outward evidence of honor and respect for the father who held you lovingly in his arms when you were a baby wear a rose on fathers' day, the third Sunday in June, and use your efforts to have your preacher deliver an appropriate sermon on that day. It is suggested also that the showing of some little attention to father if he is still in the land of the living or a visit to his grave if he is dead will be an appropriate feature of the day's observance.

As a long time will elapse before the next observance of fathers' day perhaps it might be well to consider how father himself views it. Does he want to be singled out as an object of laudation for doing his duty as a daddy, or does he believe that the simple

consciousness of having performed that duty is reward enough? Perhaps the testimony that their efforts are appreciated by the children whom they have helped to rear will be a sweet savor in the mouths of the majority of fathers whose bowed backs and grayed or silvered hairs bear witness to years of toll cheerfully and patiently borne for their offspring.

The words of Governor Hay of Washington, who was asked to express an opinion of fathers' day, may sound good to many fathers. He wrote:

"Now, as to this fathers' day movement—while, of course, I do not dis-

prove of the movement in any way, still I feel that mothers' day is the more important of the two and that we fathers can scratch along some way or other without having such a flattering mention of us. We men are somewhat bashful and might feel much embarrassed were we to receive so much public adulation."

Speak up, fathers of the nation. Would a word of loving praise for you be amiss once a year, or would you prefer that your efforts pass unnoticed and unrewarded save by the approval of your own consciences?

THOMAS SHELBY.



MRS. J. B. DODD, THE "MOTHER OF FATHERS' DAY."

The L. E. & W. were destroyed. It took hard work from the volunteers to save the supports of the Lake Erie water tank. The factory was in charge of Alonzo Davis, while the other partner, Lewis Davis, is operating a plant at Sycamore, Ark. It is not thought the plant will be rebuilt.

HEDEKIN HOUSE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Starting from what is believed to have been an incendiary origin, fire caused a damage of between \$300 and \$400 to the Hedekin hotel building on Carr street at 12 o'clock last night. The twenty-five guests in the house were aroused and escaped suffocation from the dense smoke that filled the entire building.

The flames had their start in the kitchen of the house and that room, the dining room and the hall of the upper floor bear the greater portion of the damage.

Mr. Jacob Swaidner, proprietor of the establishment, is confident that the cause was set afire, as he can ascribe to other cause. A lamp was burning in the kitchen, but had neither exploded nor set fire to the wall. The building is owned by the Hedekin estate.

Springs and other places in Michigan. Mrs. George Adams returned to Garland today, after a visit with her mother, Mrs. Sarah Orr.

Miss Mary Bolinger, of Augusta, Kansas, who was visiting Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Smith, left Saturday for Hillsdale, Michigan.

Vern Haywood went to Butler Saturday morning, for a visit with relatives. Mrs. Haywood has been there for a few days.

Mrs. S. R. Shambaugh, daughter Fern, and son Nole, of Kokomo, arrived in this city Saturday, and are the guests of the former's mother, Mrs. Amanda Whetzel, on South Lincoln street.

The Misses Gertrude and Gertrude Campbell and their guests have gone to Fort Wayne to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. William A. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Kimmel and Miss Bessie Crossley, went to Coldwater, Mich., last evening for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Barker and children went to Edon, Ohio, Saturday morning to attend the farmers' jubilee.

Mrs. C. B. Wilkinson, of Toledo, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. George Barth, went to Elkhart, Saturday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Adams, Mrs.

The annual day school of the fair grounds that well attended the dinner was noon spent with

The Kendall Warsaw Sunday the team at the pitch for the will leave at 7 to Goshen and

ALBION NEWS

ALBION, Ind., July 30.—Miss Lena Minor, of Findlay, Ohio, arrived Friday afternoon, having been called on account of the illness of her mother, Mrs. George Minor.

Mrs. J. W. Earl, Mrs. Cora Netz, Mrs. C. C. Otto, Miss Iva Schwab, Ralph Ness, Neil Phillips, of this city, and Miss Clara Ehler, of Toledo, O., enjoyed a picnic at Lake Wawasee, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ollie Castator, who has been the guest for the past week, of her aunt, Mrs. Brackney, and her cousins, Edna and Lula Brackney, returned to her home at South Milford, Saturday

Wayne's Lost Opportunity



Park, Which Might Have Been a City Park.

large acreage is in woods, while here would have been a plenty of open ground to permit of any amount of landscape gardening.

Formerly belonging to a family named Hutchinson, who live in England, the property has not been cultivated for over twenty-five years and consequently is covered with a thick growth, making a beautiful lawn. The demand for more room, for fine homes, however, had to receive attention, and instead of this beautiful place being a city park, it has been cut up in building lots, except a portion comprising several acres, heavily wooded, located along the banks of Spy Run brook. This will become a Public Park, to be known as IRVINGTON PARK, along which driveways are already constructed. The tree covered area, however, has not been confined to the park, but the lots, in which this prop-



Spy Run Brook in Irvington Park.

erty has been subdivided, are ornamented with many stately elms, maple and ash. Mr. John H. Vesey has superintended the improving of this place and has succeeded in making of it the most beautiful allotment for homes that has ever been laid out around Ft. Wayne. The building restrictions make it a necessity for people buying in this addition to build

good enough homes to conform to the good enough homes to conform with the natural beauty of the place. The tarvia macadam roadway has already been laid long this addition, which is very convenient to transportation—the Spy Run car line in front and the Toledo and Chicago interurban along the entire rear of the property.

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