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"Fathers' Day."

THE second Sunday of each May is set aside as Mothers' day. And now a movement is on foot to make the third Sunday in June Fathers' day. But for some reason the idea seems not to be taking hold readily.

Perhaps it is because father himself doesn't want it. Mother appreciates the celebration of her labors and devotion on the day selected especially for that purpose but somehow father seems inclined to balk, though you may not be able to get very much out of him on the subject. He is willing to buckle down to hard work six days in the week to keep the pot boiling and provide rolled-up trousers for Willie and peach-basket hats for Mamie, providing he is permitted to pose as the boss of the family, whether he is or not, but he is inclined to draw the line on being fussed over. It detracts from his dignity, especially if it is done publicly.

For instance, it would require the poise of Bartholdi's statue of Liberty and the iron-clad nerve of a New York gold-brick artist to enable the stern president of a big banking house to run, without flinching, the gantlet of his grinning clerks and tellers on Monday morning after a Sunday at church devoted to laudation of the tenderness and self-denial with which he paid for the beefsteak, potatoes and pie consumed at home.

No father would rather be left undisturbed with his

easy chair, his pipe and his newspaper. He would feel more than rewarded for all his hard work if he were not dragged out more than once a week to attend theater parties and dinner dances and were given the right, about twice a fortnight, to attend a little select lodge in which the goat's place is taken by the kitty, without being subjected to drumhead court-martial on his return.

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