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ORIGINATOR OF FATHER'S DAY



MRS. JOHN
BRUCE DODD

Father is to have his just recognition again, Sunday, June 21, being Father's day. On that day the ministers are expected to take special notice of the occasion and make appropriate reference to the fact. Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Wash., is said to have the distinction of originating Fathers' day and suggesting that a red rose be worn in honor of the fathers who are living and a white one in memory of those who have passed away.

Let's sit down at the edge of the old pool, again, just for a moment. What, ho! Ben Lipscomb, Skeeter Jones, Asa Barrett, Aleck Evans! They come, they come, out of a vanished past, these stringy phantasms, to whom in that lost day a new suit of clothes were as the shirt of Nessus, and the hint of beauty as a leper's taint! And Skeeter descends into the mild waters, finds the blue clay and daubs his gaunt frame with many stripes, Asa shins up the ragged bole of the old maple, walks out "hand over hand" to the edge of the highest branch and drops in midstream. Ben Lipscomb "skins a cat" and "chins" himself fourteen times without stopping. Aleck, bereft of two front teeth, expectorates through the aperture with an audible click that sets the brown ground squirrels into a rage, and then looks unconcernedly across the landscape at nothing, all too conscious in his studied unconsciousness of the groveling homage of his pals. Oh, to be able to spit through one's teeth like that!

And then you all squat down together in the shade and tell stories—of the Forty Thieves; of the tavern where the young man stumbled and woulda been killed, only he saw the eyes move behind the picture hanging in his room; of Lafitte, the pirate, and his buried treasure—you guess you'll be a pirate—in fact, you're 'most sure you will—'cause you're tired of splittin' kindlin' wood, and bringin' the cows home, and goin' to school, and most boys that 'mounted to anything ran off and went to sea, or something. Didn't they, Aleck? And then you all went home and ma said, Where you been, boy; seems like a body is all the time looking for you all over the country, anyhow!

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Let's sit down at the table for a while