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# 335 Today Is Father's Day

❖ Wear a Cluster of Red and White Roses to Honor Him ❖

Today, June 21 is Father's Day. Many have protested that poor old father can worry along very well without a Day, but the movement started in Spokane, Washington five years ago by Mrs. John Bruce Dodd has now been officially recognized by both Houses of Congress and the anniversary will be observed in enough cities to make it a national festival.

The Father's Day movement has even spread beyond our shores. It has been taken up in Germany, Sweden, Korea, Japan, Mexico, Hawaii, Canada and India.

To observe Father's Day one has only to wear a cluster of red and white roses in the button-hole or at the corsage on the third Sunday in June.

It is the beloved father who has passed this life rather than the living father who is commemorated.

The custom of Father's Day grows out of Mother's Day. Mrs. Dodd, founder of Father's Day, first interested her friends in Spokane. This was in 1909. The next year the Spokane Y. M. C. A. gave the day formal endorsement. Then followed the approval of Mayor N. S. Pratt and Governor M. E. Hay. In June the Spokane Ministers' Alliance accepted the invitation of Mrs. Dodd to approve and adopt the plan. Many publications supported the movement, leaders in other cities took it up and tomorrow in thousands of pulpits sermons appropriate to the occasion will be delivered. In many churches baskets of roses will be passed among the congregations.

## FATHER.

(By Edmund Vance Cook.)

He was not the sort of father that you read about in books;  
He wasn't long on language and he wasn't strong on looks.  
He was not the sort of father that you hear about in plays—  
He was just a human father—sort of quiet in his ways.

Just a sort of family father, fairly sound in mind and limb,  
Always ready at the word and not a nasty trick or whim,  
Seldom off his feed and never had to be turned out to graze,  
Safe for any child to drive and broke to harness forty ways.

Steady at the bit was father; found a lot of fun in working;  
Threw his weight against the collar; seemed to have no time for  
shirking.

Used to smile and say the feed bin kept him steady on the track;  
Safe to leave him without hitching; he'd be there when you came  
back.

No; he never balked at working, but when he was through it once,  
Right down to the grass was father, with the children doing stunts.  
Everyone would pile upon him, and he'd welcome all the pack,  
But I'm wondering, after playtime, did we stay there—on his back?

Wasn't strong on dissipation; said his "gambol on the green".  
Was to fill the platter quicker than the kids could lick it clean,  
And the next best game he knew of was an equal one to beat;  
It was keeping leather covers up to the supply of feet!

Mind! his tailor never told him when his Sunday coat was fitted,  
That his wings necessitated wearing shoulders loose or slitted,  
And he wasn't any martyr; said that life and love were good  
And no man deserved his dinner if he wouldn't split the wood.

Always on the job was father, plugging quiet like and strong,  
Never making any noise, but helping all his little world along;  
And to think—Lord ain't it funny—you can see things years and  
years

And you never know they've been there till your eyes are blind with  
tears.

Quit his job one day and left us, smiling as he went away  
Eulogy seems all so foolish; what can anybody say?  
Seemed like even in his leaving he was saving some of  
For the one word in the granite which is over him

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