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# FATHER'S DAY

## 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 wind 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  
his steady on the track;  
Safe to leave him without hitching; he'll 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.  
Every one 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 one bother.  
For the one word in the granite which is  
over him is "FATHER."

This is Father's Day. Many have protested that poor old father can worry along without a day, but the movement started in Spokane, Wash., 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 in India.

To observe Father's Day one has only to wear a cluster of red and white roses in the buttonhole 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, foundress 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 indorsement. Then followed the approval of Mayor N. S. Pratt and Gov. 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 today in thousands of pulpits sermons appropriate to the occasion will be delivered. In many churches baskets of flowers will be passed among the congregations.

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