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From Decatur  
Co. Journal.  
Leon, Iowa.

## TO HONOR FATHER AT LAST

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Movement Under Way to Place Neglected Parent on Pedestal and Strew Roses at His Feet.

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At last poor old father is to have his day. For these many moons we have been singing the praises of mother—and deservedly—and telling of what a dreary world it would be without her, and all the while father has been standing around as unnoticed and as neglected as the bridegroom at the wedding. He has been looked upon, or rather tolerated, as a necessary evil. Indeed, he has been spoken of, in some quarters at least, in terms of reproach and derision. We all remember the beautiful ballad which blatantly called attention to the fact that everybody toiled but poor old dad. The refrain of that song was taken up everywhere, and the enthusiasm with which it was sung by all sorts and conditions of people would lead one to suspect that the author had made a remarkable discovery, which he was only too glad to share with the world.

Now all this is to be changed and dad is to be placed on a pedestal and flowers laid at his unworthy feet and verses recited in his honor. The red rose has been selected as an appropriate emblem for father, and on one day in the year everybody—or nearly everybody—is to wear that flower in order to let the world know that, in spite of all his faults, they dearly love the old man. This just and proper recognition has been a long while in coming, but now that it is at hand there seems to be a disposition to do it with a whole-heartedness that will atone for past neglect. The only one who will not quite understand it will be dear old dad himself. He will do as he is told, of course, but we venture to say that the movement is going to make father scratch his head in wonder, if not in delight.

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