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FATHER'S DAY

In considering the suggestion being put forth here and there that, in view of the growing vogue of Mother's Day, a day should also be dedicated to the masculine progenitor, there is no need for giving more than passing consideration to the innuendo of a contemporary humorist that Father's Day is being promoted by the National Lemon Growers' Association. An aspersion such as this, we feel, is a libel both upon the producers of the citrus fruit and upon the filial devotion inspired by the male parent.

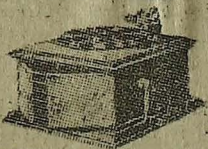
After all, is not father worthy of a day set apart in his honor? He may be a maligned, inconspicuous and neglected entity in the domestic scheme, but he is an essential none the less. Especially does this appear in the economic field. As a feminine correspondent of *The News* aptly remarks, though with a little carelessness of diction: "It is father who helps our dear mother to raise and

keep us." The most advanced exponents of feminism have not yet discovered the means of satisfactorily eradicating father, nor are there present indications that they will succeed in so doing.

Father's role in family life is too often devoid of sentiment. He is a rugged and remote being who spends most of his waking hours downtown, providing the sinews of existence; when he does get home he is too often apt to be distraught, if not morose; he does not so easily inspire the tenderer feelings of his children. Yet, in the expressive figure of the street, father pays the freight. And for the most part he does it cheerfully, anxious to make the best provision possible for those dependent upon him. Fathers toiling in town while mothers and daughters are recuperating at seashore or in the mountains are not unknown phenomena.

So it would seem that some recognition is due father. He is too often presented with the thorns; would it be amiss, for just one day in the year, to present him with the rose?

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