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Why Not Fathers' Day?

WE ARE all proud to do reverence to mother on Mother's Day and to do so is an inestimable privilege. But would there be anything sacrilegious about establishing a Fathers' Day? It is true that occasionally a daddy goes wrong, but the majority of them are not a bad lot to have in the family. Mother does the family washing, but dad buys the soap. Mother cans the fruit, but it was daddy who bought the sugar even at the present exorbitant price. When there is a noise in the house between midnight and morning it is father who is kicked in the back, and is encouraged to grope his way downstairs to subdue the frolicking mice that have been magnified into a band of masked burglars by mama's and daughter's nerves. He buys and slaughters the Sunday chicken and then draws the neck from the derbis after all others have been served.

And incidentally daddy, or the majority of him, stands by the kiddies with a devotion for which we can find few words, until he or they have passed to the beyond. He is a wise counsellor in his own household, whatever high jinks he may cut up when attending a lodge or political meeting in the next county, and he is charitably tolerant of all short-comings save those to which he was addicted in his own youth. By all means let there be a Fathers' Day. It will be the only thing daddy ever got without paying for it.

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