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## FATHERS' DAY TWADDLE.

We are in receipt of a little publication intended to promote "Fathers' Day," a movement doomed to failure because there is nothing romantic or poetical about father as one of "our cherished institutions." He is necessary, but does not appeal to the imagination. He never has inspired the brush of the painter or the pen of the poet. He is not beautiful, and not good enough, as a rule, to be in the slightest danger of sprouting wings. We think of mother and the angels, at the same time, but never of father and the angels—unless his name be unfortunately associated with the fallen angels.

The publication, intended to promote June 20 as "Fathers' Day," quotes the following, in black type, from the Rev. Conrad Bluhm:

"The word father is found in the Bible 1,650 times; mother but 311 times. It is father's book."

All of which reminds one of a litigant who, seeking to recover from a life insurance company, complained that the jury had decided against her though the court had made eighteen rulings in her favor and only one against. The one against, however, was that her husband was not dead. According to the Bible, Jesus was son, not father, and Mary was His mother. Which recalls the words of that wonderful old negro woman, Sojourner Truth, in one of the early suffragist meetings. A preacher had just said that if God had intended woman to be the equal of man Christ probably would have been a woman. Sojourner Truth rose and said: "God and woman brought Christ into the world; man had nothing to do with it."

We have enough "days" now to be observed, most of them worthy, some of them silly; but none so silly as the attempt to foist fathers' day on the public. Father doesn't want a day. If he had one he wouldn't know what to do with it, and probably would go into hiding while the twaddle in his honor was being pulled off by a few sickly sentimentalists.

Let us have mothers' day, because she deserves it. She is the pluckiest, most romantic, the most persistent gambler in the world—stakes her life, usually smilingly, on every throw of the dice. Her winnings, like Cornelia's, are always the most precious of jewels to her—"the little darlings." By the time she is forty-five she usually knows the book of life and death by heart, preface and index.

And we may have children's day quite appropriately. They are the men and the women of the future, in the making. They are in the morning of life, its greatest problems for weal or woe. Father is concerned about them. So is mother. So is the state. They are to be the fathers and mothers and the state of the fu-

father, except on his birthday. He takes him back to his childhood, and re-creates the children.

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