

**MEANS A 'GETTING TOGETHER'**

Idea of Father-and-Son Dinners Undoubtedly Good and Need Not Stop at That.

A dispatch from Cleveland, the proud originator of the father-and-son movement, states that mayors of more than a hundred cities have heartily endorsed the idea of closer mental and moral union between dad and his boy, and have even issued eloquent proclamations on the subject. Dinners are planned in these and other cities, and, we doubt not, a good deal of digging is going on in libraries and quotation books.

Mayor Nye of Minneapolis in his proclamation made a palpable hit in a phrase that like a historic shot will be heard all over the world. "Home," he said, "should be more than a place in which to sleep and eat." Who will not heartily endorse this—adding, however, that "home" would not have the meaning and sound it has if it had been nothing more than a place for sleeping and eating? With or without mayoral proclamations and endorsements, the home will thrive for some centuries yet, and it is to be hoped that fathers and sons will not wait for public dinners to draw closer together. Every family meal affords an opportunity for cementing the ties and promoting understanding in the home. After dinner smoking or reading, walks and amusements, civic and other movements also provide such opportunities.

Success to the father-and-son dinners, private and public!—Chicago Record-Herald.

**FOUND THE MEANEST MAN**

Little Doubt That Turk's Bequest Was Bestowed as He Intended It Should Be.

A Turkish story runs that, dying, a pious man bequeathed a fortune to his son, charging him to give \$500 to the meanest man he could find, and \$500 to the most foolish.

The most foolish man is another story; as to the meanest, accounts agreed that a certain cad filled the bill. Accordingly the dutiful son offered him \$500.

"But I can't take your \$500," said the cad. "I never knew your father; there was no reason why he should leave me money."

"It's yours all right," persisted the mourning youth.

"I might take it in a fictitious transaction," said the cad, relenting. "Suppose—I'll tell you what I'll do. I'll sell you all that snow in the courtyard for \$500."

The young man agreed, willing to be quit of his trust on any terms. Next day he was arrested, taken before the cad, and ordered to remove his snow at once. Being unable to comply he was fined \$100 for contumacy.

"At least," he said, ruefully, as he left the court, "father's \$500 went to the right man."—New York World.

**Rubber-Plated Battleships.**

The Globe is informed that a new invention in regard to armor-plating is being tested unofficially by the admiralty. The principle of the invention consists of sandwiching rubber in between layers of Harvey steel in place of the solid steel slabs used at present.

The matter is being kept secret, no names or places being given, but it is claimed by the inventor that the thick wall of rubber would tend to act towards a shell much in the same way as a sandbag does to a bullet, only, if anything, more efficiently, on account of the buffer-like consistency of the rubber.

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