



THE INVENTOR OF INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATIONS

I am apt to believe that it will be celebrated by succeeding generations as the great Anniversary Festival.

John Adams Foretold Our Noisy Celebrations

JOHN ADAMS, a signer of the Declaration of Independence, and second president of the United States, was the staunch friend of the American boy.

from a letter written by him to his wife from Philadelphia on July 3, 1776. 24 hours before old Liberty Bell had proclaimed to an expectant nation that its representatives had thrown off the yoke of the tyrannical George III.

Thus it is that President Adams is the inventor of Independence day celebrations. Thus it is that the American boy has his first and most prominent authority for his hilarious observance of this, the greatest day in our history.

Ben Easton's Fourth

He stepped lightly into the two-seated canopy-top and, flicking a bit of dust from his sleeve, took up the ribbons with a lordly hand.

This outburst, which did not augur well for Ben Easton's "Fourth," was but a continuation of yesterday's chapter, and he doubted not but that it would be a serious affair at the finish.

Yes, "he had begun," but he had "just cause and provocation," as old Squire Prebles would quote, and so he chirped to the restive boys triumphantly.

He had meant to take the new turnout and Millcent Radcliffe to the Pentwater picnic; but the former was shut up, hearse-like, in the carriage house, while the latter—well, he had heard—

as he plumped himself into the rustic seat and said: "I presume you are all ready for the show to-morrow."

But Lura shied into the rear seat like a frightened colt, while the magnificent Rose was handed up to Ben by her chivalrous brother.

Right in the middle of a dissertation on the old-fashioned "Fourth" Jack Kennedy passed them. He lifted his hat to the Misses Hilton and bowed to Ben as he went by.

"You did not expect to see them together," said she, nodding toward the Kennedy turnout. "O, yes; they made up weeks ago and are to be married in September," and she smiled, amused at Ben Easton's perplexed face.

"I didn't know," stammered he, finally, looking straight over the horses' heads and feeling that the earth must be spinning a good bit faster than usual.

"Not on the Fourth," she objected. "Independence day, you know." "It is a travesty on independence," she almost growled.

He returned bitterly; "a Hottentot, a tory and a—travesty." "I have heard of triple characters," she answered, smiling icily.

"You?" in astonishment. "Yes; I went over to get the basket phaeton, as auntie could ride best in that. I drove to Fairview to-day," she ended, sadly.

"I have been a brute," Tom will drive the canopy-top and you will go with me in the phaeton. "Then the Hiltons know everything?"

"There's always a way out," put in Ben, catching at straws and hoping he was the son of a prophet at last.

"O, no, I thought you could take care of yourself; you were so independent," and she sighed complacently.

DONT'S For Speaker and Writer

Ready Reminder of Errors in the Use of Common Words, Arranged Alphabetically

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