

Happy Twentieth of July: Remembering That Pleasure Has Many Enemies

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Excellent post, Cassius, and happy Twentieth!

An excerpt from Thoreau's journal (emphasis mine).

Quote

Up and down the town, men and boys that are under subjection are polishing their shoes and brushing their go-to-meeting clothes. I, a descendant of Northmen who worshipped Thor, spend my time worshipping neither Thor nor Christ; a descendant of Northmen who sacrificed men and horses, sacrifice neither men nor horses. I care not for Thor nor for the Jews. I sympathize not to-day with those who go to church in newest clothes and sit quietly in straight-backed pews. **I sympathize rather with the boy who has none to look after him, who borrows a boat and a paddle and in common clothes sets out to explore these temporary vernal lakes.** I meet such a boy paddling along under a sunny bank, with bare feet and his pants rolled up to his knees, ready to leap into the water at a moment's warning. Better for him to read “Robinson Crusoe” than Baxter's “Saints' Rest.”

A life dedicated to pleasure and the study of nature. Nature ephemeral, changing in appearance but unchanging in its atomic laws; raw, real, beautiful.

Fill your cup with pleasures!