

# Thanksgiving



IN THE HANDS OF THE COOK

SAUCE FOR THE TURKEY

MARSH'S FOR THE PIE

HE American Thanksgiving this year is invested with a profound significance, a blending of reverent appreciation for the blessings of the twelvemonth, and a poignant regret that so many members of the World Family are in the red agony of war. The Thanksgiving, definitely established after national stress and travail, is tender with sympathy and brotherhood, and, while one gives freely of thanks to his Creator, freely, likewise, does he give of love for his fellows. It is the most human of seasons, in which man should, and does, follow the eternal lesson of the Great Teacher.

Thanksgiving is elemental in the soul of man and it probably found its first expression, not in peace, but after conflict in the early twilight of history, when some of the hairy men, who had awakened to the mystery and majesty of the sun as the giver of good things, raised their scarred arms toward it, reverent and triumphant, their grateful gutturals voicing thanks for victory.

And this primitive thanksgiving will be multiplied and intensified a thousandfold at the expiration of the present war—and not for the victory but for the coming of peace. In the intoxication of bloody triumph there can be little of the deep, spiritual thanksgiving; for, despite the gigantic slaughter that has made this century the Crimson Age, the world is still one big family with interests so closely interrelated that none is unaffected by the struggle. And none will give thanks, even with the prize of victory, for having made widows and orphans by the hundreds of thousands.

In the real thanksgiving there is neither exultation nor pride; no reflection of bitterness or hate; but a sweet realization of the kinship of all men before the Great Father.

In certain early and oriental liturgies was the Great Thanksgiving, now replaced by the preface and part of the canon. Then there is the General Thanksgiving in the Book of Common Prayer, a collect in the third place from the end of the order for morning and evening prayer, and of the litany. But the Thanksgiving which, while marked by the incense of prayer, has the sunny lightness of good cheer and laughter, is that annually observed in the United States.

In the beginning of the observance was a day set apart by the Plymouth Pilgrims, in 1621, in acknowledgment of their first harvest in America. It was perpetuated in many states by the annual festival appointed by the governor. Its national celebration, in recognition of the year's blessings, was first recommended by proclamation issued at the city of New York, in 1789, by George Washington, who set apart for observance Thursday, November 26, of that year.

The war between the states was the event that established the national day. It has been, therefore, sanctified by the blood of brothers who died not in vain, for as a recurring observance it was proclaimed by President Lincoln in October, 1863, who fixed the



PREPARING TURKEYS FOR THE FEAST

last Thursday in November. It since has thus been observed.

So it is that in 1915 the people of the United States give thanks, not for a war over, with the combatants putting aside the science of murder for the science of constructive things and resolutely facing the future, but because the country is at peace with its world brothers and looks toward taking the impartial part in the bringing about of the peace of Europe—and of the world. Dr. Carleton Simon, the distinguished neurologist, recently, while discussing "war as an acute nervous affliction and its treatment and its cure," made an interesting diagnosis of the condition of the United States. It may be reassuring to hear from such an eminent authority, who regards the more than 90,000,000 human beings in the presentment of a gigantic composite, that there is no fear of Uncle Sam "flying off the handle."

"The United States has escaped," says he. "That is the special occasion for thanksgiving. But may not the whole world come to find cause for real thanksgiving in the new spirit derived and nourished by the tragedy of this war?"

Contrast these typical rural Thanksgiving pictures with some of the family groups and of sustenance operations within the war-smitten territory, and, if you are apart from want, you will feel a pang of keenest commiseration and a regret that all of the world's struggling family should not be sharing the peace-and-plenty conditions.

In this case the turkey is the bird alike of peace and of plenty. It is the bird, likewise, of sacrifice—but not of burnt offering—and goes to its appointed end with what seems like a conscious dignity of the part it plays in the grateful season.

What finish more honorable and impressive for a bird than to be fated to die to make happy an entire nation? For this brief, golden period the eagle is only a remote symbol. The Thanksgiving bird is magically transformed into a tempting thing of appetizing odors, an eye-entrancing vision of glistening brown and bronze and bringing in its train attendants of the field

that crisply show ivory white and pale emerald, and translucent, liquid ruby. In the turkey at this season there are the pride of country, the religious sense of a nation and its sustaining hopefulness, the racial family spirit that "makes the whole world akin," and the very essence of pleasing plenty.

## THE THANKSGIVING FEAST

I  
This is the day before the feast.  
A rack of storm clouds, gray with warning.  
Signal the valley, west to east.  
"White fields and roads tomorrow morning!"  
But through the farmhouse kitchen glows  
A light to gladden saint or sinner.  
White Nell, and Margaret, and Rose  
Make ready for Thanksgiving dinner.  
II  
The pantry shelves are lined with cakes  
Of flaky crust and fragrant sweetening.  
Yet incomplete the banquet waits  
For this which Margaret's spoon is beat-  
ing.  
The sideboard gleams in jeweled light  
With amber quince and ruby jelly.  
"Twill wear an added grace tonight."  
Wrought by the hands of Rose and Nelly.

III  
A stir of eager girlish feet  
Across the ancient oaken flooring.  
A burst of laughter, bubbling sweet  
With mirth and confidence outpouring.  
A rallying jest, an awestruck sigh.  
At Nell's mistakes and Margaret's  
knowledge.  
Oh, never hours sped merrier by  
For three fair cousins home from col-  
lege!

IV  
Beneath the kitchen roof-tree brown,  
With weathered tile and rough-hewn  
rafter,  
What memories are looking down—  
A hundred years of toil and laughter!  
What echoes of long-vanished feet  
Stir in the shadows everlasting!  
What far-off voices, young and sweet,  
From other days of feast and fasting?

V  
Tomorrow, through the drifted snows,  
With hearts aglow for smile and greet-  
ing.  
Nelly, and Margaret, and Rose  
Will walk across the hills to meeting.  
Good angels join them as they raise  
The old hymns dear to dead and living,  
And blend the feasting and the praise  
Into one day of pure thanksgiving.  
—Mabel Earle, in Youth's Companion.

Resembling a large tracing wheel is a German inventor's device that accurately measures irregular lines.

A muscle from a frog's leg is utilized by a French inventor in a device that receives and records wireless signals.

Peat, compressed and formed into sheets, is replacing cork in Germany as an insulating material against heat and cold.

England and Wales together have 40 special schools for the blind, 51 for the deaf and 245 for otherwise defective children.

A blind man at Westbrook, Me., has built an ell to his house, laid the hard-wood floors and installed a hot water system.

Both the transmitter and receiver of a new French telephone can be hidden in a vase of flowers, a table ornament or any other inconspicuous object.

A California young woman, which in that state means voter, sleeps in the back yard, and authorities have declared her tent in another county from the family mansion. They want to rule out her registration, giving rise to great indignation on her part.

Sydney, N. S. W., now has a benzol plant.

The relative values of various kinds of coal are determined by X-rays with a method invented by French scientists.

Statistics have shown that American telephone operators answer calls two seconds quicker than their English cousins.

Experiments in rice cultivation in Porto Rico give promise of the island becoming an important producer of that grain.

Six per cent of the line of a railroad being built in Switzerland will be over bridges and 13.5 per cent through tunnels.

Two Canadian scientists have found cobalt superior to nickel for plating other metals, being more durable, requiring less time to apply and providing equal protection with a thinner deposit.

Hon. Muriel Burns, the best woman marksman in England, has set herself the task of supplying grouse and other birds for wounded soldiers. She is the owner of extensive moors over which the shooting will be done.

## THE EUROPEAN WAR A YEAR AGO THIS WEEK

Nov. 22, 1914.  
Ypres bombarded.  
Germans trapped by floods at Dixmude.  
Germans fortified Belgian coast.  
German army advanced to forty miles from Warsaw.

Russians took Gumbinnen.  
Austrians evacuated Neu Sandec.  
Austrians crossed the Kolubara and took many Serbians.  
Turks won fight near Port Said and reached the Suez canal.  
Turkish warships shelled Taupsee but were repulsed by shore batteries.  
Mayor of Ypres shot by allies as a spy.

Nov. 23, 1914.  
Fierce fighting in the Argonne.  
Ypres again bombarded.  
German advance on Warsaw checked.  
Many Germans captured near Lovic.  
Austrians captured 2,400 Russians near Piliica.  
British defeated in attack on German railway terminus in East Africa.  
British defeated Turks near Persian gulf.  
British warship patrol rammed German submarine U-18 and took crew.  
Serious riots in Constantinople, British embassy looted.

Nov. 24, 1914.  
Germans attacked allies from Ypres to La Bassee.  
Ten-day battle in Poland ended in Russian victory.  
Russians defeated the Turks in Armenia.  
British ships attacked German naval base at Zeebrugge.  
Chile charged German warships had violated her neutrality.

Nov. 25, 1914.  
French bombarded Arnaville.  
East Indian troops retook lost trenches in Flanders.  
Germans made gains at Arras.  
German army in Poland in retreat.

Russians again invaded Hungary and cornered Austrians in the Carpathians.  
Serbians routed Austrians who had crossed the Kolubara.  
English coast towns prepared to resist invasion.  
Russia began mobilizing first reserves.  
American Christmas ship Jason with cargo of presents for European children reached Plymouth.  
American relief clearing house organized.

Nov. 26, 1914.  
Allies' armored train wrecked bridge across the Yser.

Germans reported victories between Lodz and Lowicz.  
Turkish advance checked in Armenia.  
British battleship Bulwark blown up in the Thames.  
Turkish mine layer sunk in the Bosphorus.  
British aviator wrecked German military train.  
Germany made public alleged proof of Anglo-Belgian military agreement.

Nov. 27, 1914.  
Reims again bombarded.  
French made gains in Alsace.  
German army in Poland re-entranced.  
Montenegro defeated Austrians near Visegrad.  
Col. Maritz, South Africa rebel, defeated.

Nov. 28, 1914.  
Enver Bey started for Egypt.  
Germans accused French of using dum-dum bullets.  
American hospital opened at Petrograd.  
New British army landed in France.  
Germans massed near Arras.  
Retreating Germans in Poland fought stubbornly.  
Russians gained near Cracow and Strykow and occupied Czernowitz.

Fierce fighting in the Caucasus.  
Riots at Erzerum, Armenians slain.

Sunset Gun.  
Paragraph 210 of the Regulations of the United States army reads: "At posts supplied with ordnance and with ammunition for the purpose of a morning and evening gun will be fired daily at reveille and retreat." As the leg is run up at sunrise and down at sunset simultaneously with the firing of the gun, it is probable that a salute to the flag is intended.

"Abide With Me."  
The famous hymn, "Abide With Me, Fast Falls the Eventide," was written by Henry Francis Lyte, a minister of the church of England, born at Kelso, Ireland, in 1796. He wrote it when suffering from an incurable disease which he knew must soon end his life.

Easy to Accumulate.  
"What a splendid lot of silver and cut glass you have." "Yes, it's a great thing to have a golf player and a bridge expert in the same family."  
—Baltimore American.

Seward's Optimism.  
Gamaliel Bradford says that Seward's "splendid, energetic, triumphant, imaginative optimism" is perhaps his greatest merit and surest claim to the affection of posterity. This optimism Seward effectively summoned up in one striking sentence: "The improvidence of our race is unlimited."

Air in Submarine.  
For consumption beneath the waves, air is stored in a submarine under the great pressure of 2,000 pounds

## RECORD CORN YIELD

NEBRASKA'S 1915 CROP GREAT-EST IN ITS HISTORY.

NEAREST APPROACH WAS 1910

According to a Report of the Agricultural Board Year's Harvest Will Be 228,094,736 Bushels.

Lincoln.—Nebraska's corn crop this year will run 50,000,000 bushels more than at any time in its history, according to a report given out by the state board of agriculture.  
The total crop will amount to 228,094,736 bushels, according to the carefully reported figures gathered by the board. The only record that approaches that is that of 1910, when the total was 178,923,128 bushels.  
Figured at 50 cents a bushel the crop this year will be worth \$114,047,368.

Of the acreage of 6,990,331. Custer county leads all other counties with a total acreage of 249,828. McPherson county was lowest in the list with 1,250 acres.

The average yield this year was recorded as 32.5 bushels per acre—as compared to 25.3 bushels last year. Washington county was high in the list with an average of forty-six bushels per acre. Garfield county was lowest with an average of 17.5 bushels per acre. Colfax, Burt, Hamilton, Lancaster, Polk, Saline, Sarpy, Washington, Wayne and York counties all reported yields of more than forty bushels per acre. In total bushels Saunders county led with 5,820,350 bushels. McPherson county was lowest in this list with 25,000 bushels.

Wing Mill Collapse.

A weakened arch at the west end of the state house basement, stone walls and steps scaling at the south entrance, an east wing that is sinking more than in the past, a water and steam system that gives trouble at every opportunity and walls and stairs that crack and crumble when big crowds of visitors call—these are some of the very apparent defects of the pile of stone Nebraska people term their "capitol."  
The defects were called to the attention of the janitorial force recently in no mistaking terms. When a crowd of 25 school children were going through the building, the ceilings and walls along all the stairways showed cracks which had been caused by their tramping up and down stairs. The stairs shook more than they have in some time past, as another result of that visit.  
The basement arch threatens to go down at any time. Efforts are being made to prop it up, but there is no guaranty that these will prove avail-  
ing.  
Visitors who drop in for calls meanwhile continue to endorse the idea of a new capitol building. Some of the most frugal men of the state are included in the list, too.  
If something is not done pretty soon, in the opinion of some state officials, the state may be called upon to pay heavy damages to the families of those who some day may be buried in the ruins of the shabby old building.  
Quarantine Reduces Movement.  
Only moderate movement of live stock into Nebraska from other states has taken place this year, according to reports to the state veterinarians, rigid quarantine rules because of the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease having cut in seriously. In seven months, April 1 to November 1, the number of animals brought in were: horses, 6,023; mares, 765; stallions, 105; mules, 188; dairy and breeding cattle, 914; other cattle, 3,025; sheep, 25,208; hogs, 5,818.  
Oats Yield Breaks State Mark.  
Nebraska raised a million bushels more oats in 1915 than in 1914, according to tabulations by the state board of agriculture, with Holt county missing. In 1914 the total yield was 71,114,432 bushels. With Boyd county out of the totals, the 1915 score is 72,751,284 bushels. The average yield per acre was 34.9 bushels—the best ever reported to the state board of agriculture.  
Sheep Feeders' Day.  
A sheep feeders' day will be held Friday, December 3, at the College of Agriculture at which all persons interested in sheep are invited to attend. The visitors will have an opportunity of looking over the sheep used in the experiment, which will be closed at that time, and to hear speeches by feeders as well as members of the college faculty.  
Governor Says Crops Fine.  
Governor Morehead, after a few days' visit at Falls City and Excelsior Springs, Mo., has returned to Lincoln. He reports all evidences point to excellent crop conditions in the sections of the two states traversed.

Finds Water is Pure.  
Dr. Williams F. Wild, state bacteriologist, has finished his examination of the Nebraska City water and stated that he has found the same to be pure. Several months ago the attention of Dr. Wild was called to this water and he found it to be in bad condition. He went to the city and made recommendations which resulted in the supply being put into first class condition. Just recently it was reported that it was again bad. A sample was sent to Dr. Wild and he found it to be all right.

Permits Road to Buy Land.  
The state railway commission has granted the Northwestern Railroad company the right to buy 20 acres of land along its right of way at Long Pine for switching privileges and for other things needed.

Utah Bonds All Paid.  
The last \$40,000 of bonds held by this state against the state of Utah have been paid, State Treasurer Hall having agreed to cancel the same upon receipt of the money with interest to date.

Self-preservation is the first law of nature and getting even with people is the second.

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets are the original little liver pills put up 40 years ago. They regulate liver and bowels.—Adv.  
If you happen to hear a woman praising a man's wisdom it's a sure sign that he is not her husband.

Wash day is smile day if you use Red Cross Ball Blue, American made, therefore the best made. Adv.  
There are women who put on airs because that is about all they have handy to put on.

REAL SKIN COMFORT  
Follows Use of Cuticura Soap and Ointment. Trial Free.

By bathing and anointing these fragrant supercreamy emollients impart to tender, sensitive or irritated, itching skins a feeling of intense skin comfort difficult for one to realize who has never used them for like purposes. Cultivate an acquaintance with them. Sample each free by mail with Book. Address postcard, Cuticura, Dept. XY, Boston. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

No Good.  
"Almost everybody has a skeleton in the closet."  
"Yes; but what good is that to the neighbors? They always keep the door shut and locked."

Forewarned.  
Little Harold was spending a few days at his aunt's house. Just before they sat down to the dinner table he took his aunt aside and whispered: "My mamma don't allow me to ask for a second helping of dessert. I thought I'd let you know, so you wouldn't think I didn't like the kind of pie and things you make."

Cold Comfort for the Hen.  
For the purpose of breaking hens from setting, Ernest O. Marvin of New York city, in a patent just granted, shows a number of hollow nest eggs joined in a series by connecting tubes and means for circulating cold water through the eggs to overcome the natural and laudable ambition of the hen. The Scientific American remarks that this is hard on the hen.

Followed Instructions.  
The ship doctor of an English liner notified the death watch steward, an Irishman, that a man had died in stateroom 45. The usual instructions to bury the body were given. Some hours later the doctor peeked into the room and found that the body was still there. He called the Irishman's attention to the matter and the latter replied: "I thought you said room 46. I went to that room and noticed man of him in a bunk. 'Are ye dead?' says I. 'No,' says he, 'but I'm pretty near dead.'" "So I buried him."

## THIS LETTER STANDS FOR HOSTETTER'S HEALTH

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## HOSTETTER'S Stomach Bitters

PARKER'S HAIR BALM  
A toilet preparation of merit. Helps to eradicate dandruff. For Restoring Color and Beauty to Gray or Faded Hair. One and a Half Cent Per Tin.

Kitchen Philosophy.  
Mr. Bradshaw was in a great hurry and breakfast was late.  
"I wish you'd find out what this trouble is," he said to his wife.  
Mrs. Bradshaw returned from the kitchen wearing a melancholy expression.  
"Well, well," demanded the husband, "what did she say?"  
"She said," responded the wife, "that 'we all have our disappointments.'"—Browning's Magazine.

Attentive.  
"Is Watson still paying attention to that widow he was courting two years ago?"  
"You bet he is. They are married now, and he has to pay strict attention to everything she says."

Unnecessary.  
"Women of today don't seem to be so afraid of mice as their sisters of 20 years ago."  
"They don't need to be. The way the styles are now a woman don't have to climb on a chair to show her stockings."

Ever notice how easy it is for a person afflicted with insomnia to go to sleep when it is time to get up?  
Every young man believes he can sing, and that explains the college glee club.

Man's greatest good is to do good.



## Bouncing Health and Active Brain

come naturally with childhood, but in later years are usually the result of right living—

Proper Food Plays a Big Part

Many foods—especially those made from white flour—are woefully deficient in certain mineral salts which are essential to life, health and happiness.

To supply these vital mineral elements, so often lacking in the usual daily diet, a food expert originated

## Grape-Nuts

This food, made of choice wheat and malted barley, supplies all the nutriment of the grains, including the phosphate of potash, etc., required for the daily rebuilding of body and brain.

Grape-Nuts has a delicious, nut-like flavour—is ready to eat direct from the package with cream or good milk, and is complete nourishment.

"There's a Reason" for Grape-Nuts  
Sold by Grocers everywhere.

## INTERESTING BITS

The American mountain sheep are the greatest leapers in the world.

The British government is establishing a very powerful wireless station in Jamaica.

Virginia is the leading state in the production of soapstone, Vermont ranking second.

The United States bureau of standards has developed a delicate thermo-electric test for the purity of platinum.

There are more than 900,000 partially or wholly deaf persons in London.

Perfumes are now being put up in pencils.

An artificial oil of geranium made of phenol has been invented in France for perfuming soap.

A pitcher has been invented to hold a can of condensed milk and permit its contents to be easily poured.

In a single year 4,472 hours of sunshine are possible, but only a few places on the earth ever experience the maximum.