

# THANKSGIVING



**G**OD be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon Earth, thy saving health among all nations. Let the people praise Thee, O God; let all the people praise Thee. Then shall the Earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the Earth shall fear him.

*From the 67th Psalm.*

## PRAISE HIM for This Most Precious Gift

IN AN evening of this week it occurred to a man, sitting alone in an upper room, that Thanksgiving day was right at hand. So he bestirred his mind to consider those things for which an American might sensibly offer up gratitude to God.

He reflected that across the Atlantic millions of human beings were at that very moment engaged in the dreadful task of killing other human beings with every invention which ingenuity and skill could bring forth from the laboratories of science and the workshops of industry.

In other lands at that very moment tens of thousands upon tens of thousands of helpless folk—feeble, aged men and women, mothers with babes clinging convulsively to their breasts, little children sobbing in terror, a vast army of the innocent and the anguished—were enduring the extremities of exposure, of hunger, and of despair as they fled from their wasted farmsteads and burning villages, escaping from the pitiless cruelty of savage men only to lie down to suffer and die under the pitiless skies of God in the winter and the bitter storms.

At that very moment most dreadful war hid half the world in the blackness of its darkness and from that horrid cloud rained destruction upon unhappy Europe—upon her ancient capitals, upon her pleasant cities, upon her villages, her fields, her temples, her treasures of art, upon all the accumulations of a thousand years of genius, of learning, of industry, of skill and of patient advancement of the happiness and the civilization of the race of man.

So he that considered all this wickedness that was being done under the sun, this drunken dance of death and hell above the fetid corpses and the multitudinous graves, this awful nightmare of indescribable woe and wrath, said in the bitterness of his heart that no God ruled over such a maniac world and there was no thanksgiving due to the Giver of Gifts that were not good, but everyone altogether evil.

And when the man had made an end of his thinking, he went and stood in a window and looked out upon the evening, because it was fair to see.

He saw in vision at that instant the vastness of the republic and the multitude of the good and happy folk who live under the shelter of its strength. He reflected how brief a time had thus magnified the works of our pioneer fathers and our pioneer mothers, those brave and simple men and women whose names should never be mentioned with anything but profound gratitude.

And to this American, glad with a great pride in the deeds of his people and the story of his country, and grateful to the Goodness which has guided and sheltered his fathers and his folk, lifted up his eyes to the night, to the quiet stars, to the brooding immensity above, and said in his heart:

"Thank God that I am an American!"

And, citizens, that is the one outstanding, splendid fact for which each one of us should soberly and most gratefully thank God on Thanksgiving day this year.

The finest thing you possess or ever can possess is just your American citizenship. It is neither necessary nor becoming, on this day or on any other day, to cheapen this birthright of ours by brag or spreadeagle declamation.

But it is highly becoming on this Thanksgiving day to feel a deep gratitude and a manly pride in this heritage.

And so we firmly believe you do feel.

We all hear it repeated that patriotism is a thing of the past; that our people have become commercialized; that the masses have no deep-rooted loyalty to the country; that our rich men put dollars above the obligations of their citizenship; that our poor folk care little for the ideals of free government; that we Americans are decadent in the virtues and valor which marked our fathers.

That is not true.

If there be any power in the world which plots war against us Americans and promises itself victory over us on the assumption of our decadence in loyalty, that power will find how terrible was its mistake when our country calls her sons to battle in her defense.

We have, it is true, in our capacity as a collective people, left undone things that should have been done and done things which should have been left undone; and there is more truth than there should be in much that is jeeringly said by those who hate us.

We acknowledge that much of our politics offends common decency.

We see, here and there, painful evidence of corruption among lawmakers and even among the judges, who should know only justice and integrity.

We see rich men who do betray their country and foul their hands and soil their souls with most infamous dealings and most shameful profits.

We see Americans who do put the dollar above every consideration of right and duty, above the claims of our common humanity.

But while these things are true, it is true also that the heart and conscience of the American people, take them as a nation, are sound and sane and wholesome.

The blood of our fathers still runs in the veins of their sons. The spirit of the nation may in-

deed seem to slumber in the soft bed of long-enjoyed peace and security. But let war come against the land and no man need doubt that that spirit will spring up instantly awake.

We can rightfully be grateful that it has fallen to our happy lot to live in this most wonderful of all ages and to be citizens of this most wonderful of all the nations.

Let your hearts swell with just pride as you contemplate your country, so august, so splendid, so renowned in the earth.

Look upon your flag as it streams its bright folds yonder above your heads with proud and happy eyes. Remember how honorable is its story, and forget not how many thousands of brave and good men died that it might wave yonder, the ensign of a free people.

Tell to your children the story of their forebears, of those men and women who, amid the wilderness and forests that stood where now stand mighty cities and stretch cultivated farms, erected, with hardships and endurance and most heroic faith and valor, the noble edifice of our republican liberties.

Speak to them of Bunker Hill and Valley Forge and Saratoga and Yorktown, and of the great Declaration—that most famous Charter of Human Freedom.

Tell them to thank God for their fathers' and mothers' hardihood and courage, for the wars they fought, for the victories they won.

Tell them to salute their flag with high and proud hearts.

Tell them to thank God this Thanksgiving day that they are Americans.

And then do you soberly, gratefully, proudly thank God yourself that you are an American.

Oh, dear and mighty motherland, what better gift or more to be desired could God give than to be born and to die, strong Daughter of Liberty, between thy shining feet!—From the Chicago American.

### U. S. TROOPS MAY USE CACTUS FOR WATER

In the pursuit of Villa and his bandits through the arid regions of northern Mexico the United States troops traversed a region whose only vegetation is the barbed and forbidding cactus. To any but a cowboy or a trained plainsman of the Southwest, inhabitants themselves of the "cactus belt," this plant seemingly has no more value than the veriest weed, but it may well be that it may prove of great value to the troops in the absence of water, fodder, or even food for human beings.

In the punitive expedition there are many cow punchers of the "cactus belt" serving as scouts, and in the cowboy and the Indian of the Southwest the lowly cactus has its greatest admirer, for they know what a game struggle for life this plant has to make against an unrelenting desert soil. Even their ponies and cattle and the poor beasts of the desert know of these uses of the cactus for water and fodder, says the New York Herald.

There are some thousand varieties of this monstrous vegetable family, not counting the 300 varieties of the agave, or century plant—incorrectly included by many—in northern Mexico. The varieties of the yucca palm and all other forms of vegetation known to the arid region have the same faculty of sucking up from the soil every drop of the all too little moisture in it and storing it up in their tough and leathery leaves and roots.

Of the many varieties perhaps the most remarkable is that member of the family known to those schooled in desert craft as the "water barrel." This plant is shaped somewhat like a beer keg and is about the same size. Through all the years of its growth it has been sopping up what moisture the famished earth contained and retaining it. It is the sole reliance of desert dwellers in time of drought, and the troops, far from water holes and with water scarce, may yet be obliged to drink from it.

The "water barrel" is tapped by slicing off the top with a sword or machete and pounding the pulp until the water contained in it wells up into

the saucer thus formed. The pulp itself is pure and the water stored in it is likewise pure and refreshing.

Not all the water-bearing cacti are as gracious to famishing man, however, as the "water barrel," for most of them have protected themselves against the maraudings of those who would drink and live by imparting a bitter taste to the water they contain. The "peyote" especially, which abounds in the plains and deserts of Arizona, has a trick of discouraging depredations upon it, for its plump and juicy pulp secretes a bitter and poisonous juice.

In the last dozen years scientists have interested themselves in the study of the cactus for its possibilities as food, fodder and economic by-products. Dr. Leon E. Landone, foremost in the study of this desert plant, several years ago conducted extensive experiments in Los Angeles to ascertain the value of the thornless cactus as an article of food for human beings. In an effort to prove his contention that it contains food properties sufficient to enable a man to work 18 hours a day, he and his two secretaries for two weeks lived on a daily diet of the leaves and fruit of the cactus, the former being served green or fried and the latter either raw or cooked. While the "cactus squad" survived the experience and professor to have enjoyed their novel diet, it is a fact that the cactus never has attained the popularity of a flet mignon.

In the whole vegetable kingdom probably there is not another plant family having so many differentiations of form as the cacti. For it is possible to find among them species that crawl and creep like vines, other than stand erect in a single unbending stalk, like a green living monument of the desert; still others that are rooted to the spot, with their highest growth close to the ground and bearing almost no resemblance to usual forms of vegetation, and others, again, that branch out in thick unblooming branches.

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**Those Wedding Bells.**  
Abe—Did you get the opera score?  
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The earth under a blanket of snow is usually ten degrees warmer than the air above it.

One of the worst stings of defeat is the sympathy that goes with it.

**The New Reading.**  
"When there is a will there is a way."  
"Yes; a way to break it."

In the up-to-date school, the blackboards are cleaned by a vacuum device.

One worker in ten in the United States belongs to a labor union.

### Kidney Disorder SOUTH DAKOTA NEWS

(BY DR. V. M. PIERCE.)

The most simple methods are usually the most effective ones when treating any disorder of the human system. The mere drinking a cup of hot water each morning, plenty of pure water all day, and a little Anuric before every meal has been found the most effective means of overcoming kidney trouble. Death would occur if the kidneys did not work day and night in separating poisons and uric acid from the blood.

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**Economy.**  
"Have you given up dancing?"  
"Yes. High cost of leather. Can't afford to wear my shoes out."

Rub the windowpanes well with old newspapers—it will let in the sunshine.

One-fifth of Pennsylvania factory workers are women and girls.

**Envy.**  
Bugs—Shucks, here we have to freeze while Mr. Caterpillar has a nice fur overcoat.

The steel mast of an Atlantic coast oil barge is used as a smokestack from the galley.

War has seriously affected the peanut trade of Madras, India.

### Doctor Says Nuxated Iron Will Increase Strength of Delicate People 200% in Ten Days

**In Many Instances—Persons Have Suffered Untold Agony for Years Doctoring for Nervous Weakness, Stomach, Liver or Kidney Disease or Some Other Ailment When Their Real Trouble Was Lack of Iron in the Blood—How to Tell.**

NEW YORK, N. Y.—In a recent discourse Dr. E. Sauer, Specialist, of this city said: If you were to make an actual blood test on all people who are ill you would probably be greatly astonished at the exceedingly large number who lack iron and who are ill for no other reason than the lack of iron. The moment iron is supplied all their multitude of dangerous symptoms disappear. Without iron the blood at once loses the power to change food into living tissue and therefore nothing you eat does you any good; you don't get the strength out of it. Your food merely passes through your system like corn through a mill with the rollers so wide apart that the mill can't grind. As a result of this continuous blood and nerve starvation, people become generally weakened, nervous and all run down and frequently develop all sorts of conditions. One is too thin; another is burdened with unhealthy fat; some are so weak they can hardly walk; some think they have dyspepsia, kidney or liver trouble; some can't sleep at night, others are sleepy and tired all day; some fussy and irritable; some skinny and bloodless, but all lack physical power and endurance. In such cases, it is worse than foolishness to take stimulating medicines or narcotic drugs, which only whip up your fagging vital powers for the moment, maybe at the expense of your life later on. No matter what anyone tells you, if you are not strong and well you owe it to yourself to

make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five-grain tablets of ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous, run-down people who were ailing all the time double, and even triple their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of their symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form, and this, after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. You can talk as you please about all the wonders wrought by new remedies, but when you come down to hard facts there is nothing like good old iron to put color in your cheeks and good sound, healthy flesh on your bones. It is also a great nerve and stomach strengthener and the best blood builder in the world. The only trouble was that the old forms of inorganic iron like tincture of iron, iron acetate, etc., often ruined people's teeth, upset their stomachs and were not assimilated and for these reasons they frequently did more harm than good. But with the discovery of the newer forms of organic iron all this has been overcome. Nuxated Iron, for example, is pleasant to take, does not injure the teeth and is almost immediately beneficial.

NOTE—The manufacturers of Nuxated Iron have such unbounded confidence in its potency that they authorize the announcement that they will forfeit \$100,000 to any Charitable Institution if they cannot take any man or woman under sixty who lacks iron and increase their strength 200 per cent or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious organic trouble. Also they will refund your money in any case in which Nuxated Iron does not at least double your strength in ten days' time. It is dispensed by most druggists. If your druggist or general store is without a supply, ask them to get it for you.—Adv.