

Our Women and Children

Conducted by Lucille Skaggs Edwards.

A THANKSGIVING THOUGHT

As we recount life, health, liberty, prosperity and the many, many things for which we may be thankful, there comes to us the thought—thankfulness for the richness that poverty has brought to the world.

The accumulation of wealth is commendable but we are astonished at how small a part wealth has played in the fundamentals of the progress and development of races. Science, literature and art are rich in contributions from the poor.

Jesus, choosing the station in which He might accomplish His great work, came to this world a lowly carpenter with toil hardened hands though the wealth of the world might have been His.

All the rich men of the ancients could not do for the world what the barefoot Socrates did. Literature is pathetic with poverty from Homer to Poe. The greatest of American schools was Lincoln studying Euclid by the light of his "tallow dip." Toussaint L'Ouverture, Frederick Douglas and Booker T. Washington contributed to the world, not the wealth and power of material acquisitions, but of the richness of great thought and of the power of great action.

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TURKEY?

By Edna Erle Wilson in The Designer

"Would you like to be a turkey, Sister Ann?" asked Brother Joe; "Just a-strutting round the barnyard; And a-gobble-gobbling—so!"

"Never have to learn a lesson,
Never have to go to school,
Never have to wear a necktie
Or obey a horrid rule.

"'Twould be 'bout the finest ever,
Sister Ann, I think—don't yu?
We could do just what we wanted
And eat lots of good corn, too!"

Sister Ann, when asked this question. Stopped quite gravely from her play, Thought a moment; then remembered—
Soon 'twould be Thanksgiving Day!

"No, I wouldn't be a turkey
In November, Joe," she said,
"Cause I'd rather be a LIVE girl
Than a gobbling turkey—DEAD!"

The Capitalist.

The word "capitalist" is a favorite one today. To many boys it means power and influence. They would like to be capitalists when they grow up.

But meanwhile they are not laying up capital at all. Even the poorest boy can start a capital account today, if he chooses. "No money to put in it"—that may be, but a boy's capital is not in coin or notes. It is not in what he has. It is what he is as a boy and, therefore, will be as a man.

Safe Capital.

Character is capital laid up. Honor is capital. Religion is capital, the capital that counts most of all. A bank may break; a burglar may steal every penny that has been saved and hoarded. But character, honor, and religion cannot thus be taken away. They are safely part of their possessor, and no one can steal them.

The Best Riches.

Every boy who is laying up these things in his life is a capitalist on the road to the only enduring riches of human existence.—Youth's World.

FASHION NOTES.

By Miss Sturgeon.

Old Man Winter is here and so are the new skating togs. Warm knitted throws and caps to match will keep you nice and "cumfy."

Party, boudoir and clipper bags made of gayly colored ribbons make very acceptable gifts.

Bath towels in any combination of colors may be had to carry out your color scheme in the bathroom.

Crocheted coaster sets are the very latest in table appointments.

Jewel cloth, all ready hemstitched and stamped with attractive designs are finding favor with lovers of pretty embroidery work.

It will soon be an every day sight to see Mi Lady going "a-knitting." Pretty taffeta, messaline and satin bags made especially for this purpose are being shown.

Hot roll and sandwich holders of fine linen to be embroidered make attractive as well as useful gifts to the busy housewife.

Although France is in the midst of war, they nevertheless have managed to create some wonderful pieces in ivory. Dressing table sets, toilet water holders, card holders and the like.

NEGRO VOCALIST SINGS IN JEWISH TEMPLE CHOIR

Musical Editors and Comedians of Race Gain World Wide Fame.

A few earnest Negro-music students have studied the man so broad, genial and human—carefully and thoroughly. Some Negroes have real musical accomplishments. Harry T. Burleigh, a pupil of Dvorak, is baritone soloist at St. George's church, New York City, sings in the choir of the Jewish temple, and is musical editor at Ricordi's. Mr. Burleigh's songs are published by Ricordi Co., G. Schirmer, leading publisher of America, and Presser of Philadelphia. Nathaniel Dett, a very young man, recently from Oberlin School of Music, and now director at Hampton, has in his developed "Listen to the Lambs," published by Schirmer, proved his right to be taken seriously by his musical public. Carl Diton, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, a student for two years in Germany, now teacher in Atlanta, Ga., is a thorough master of temperament and technique, is considered as ranking with the first organists of New York City.—New York Sui.

NEW BOOK ON BOOKER T. WASHINGTON

A work entitled "Booker T. Washington, Builder of Civilization," which is to be published this month by Doubleday, Page and Co., is written by Emmett J. Scott (who was for eighteen years secretary to Dr. Washington, and later his associate at Tuskegee) in collaboration with Lyman Beecher Stowe, a grandson of the author of "Uncle Tom's Cabin," and a grand-nephew of Henry Ward Beecher.

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