

ODD THANKSGIVINGS

Day Set Apart in Early Times for Recreation.

Thanksgiving, though commonly regarded as being from its earliest beginning a distinctively New England festival and Puritan holiday, was originally neither. The first New England Thanksgiving was observed by the Popham colonists at Monhegan, in the Thanksgiving service of the Church of England, "Giving God thanks" for safe arrival and many other liberal blessings, says Mrs. Earle in her "Customs of Old New England." Days set apart for thanksgiving were known in Europe before the Reformation, and were in frequent use by Protestants afterward. But the first New England Thanksgiving was not a day of religious observance, but a day of recreation. Edward Winslow writing December 11, 1621, to a friend in England, says: "Our harvest being gotten in, our governor sent four men out fowling so that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had gathered the fruits of our labors. The four killed as much fowl, as with a little help beside, served the company about a week. At which times among our recreations we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming amongst us, and among the rest their greatest king, Massasoit, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer which they brought and bestowed on our governor, and upon the captains and others." As Governor Bradford recorded that during that autumn "beside water fowling there was great store of wild turkeys," the Pilgrims fared better at their Thanksgiving than their English cousins in England at that date. The Indian visitors joined in the games. These recreations were doubtless competitions in running, leaping, jumping and perhaps stool-box. Probably the women of the colony had little time to join in the recreations as the four women, with the help of one servant, and a few young maids, had to prepare and cook food for 120 hungry men. There is no record of any special religious service during this week of feasting. On February 22, in 1630, the first public thanksgiving was held in Boston by the Bay State colony in gratitude for the safe arrival of ships bearing food and friends. On November 4, 1631, Thanksgiving day was kept again in Boston. From that time till 1684 there were at least 22 public thanksgiving days appointed in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut. People do not seem to have celebrated Thanksgiving in the early days. In Connecticut the festival was not regularly observed until 1716. Thanksgiving was not always appointed in early days for the same token

of God's beneficence, nor was it always set upon Thursday or for any special season, but the frequent appointment in gratitude for bountiful harvests finally made the autumn the customary time. When the festival of Thanks became annual it assumed many features of the old English Christmas. In the year 1677 the first regular Thanksgiving proclamation was printed. Neither chinaware nor earthenware was plentiful in early days, although earthenware is mentioned in early inventories. The table furnishings consisted largely of wooden trenchers. The time when America was settled was the era when pewterware and a set of "garnish" of pewter was a source of great pride to every colonial housekeeper. A universal table furnishing was the porringer, which was usually of pewter. When not in use these were hung by their handles on the edge of the dresser shelf.

Electrical Effects of Thunder Storms.
F. Larroque, in Comtes Rendus, states that, being attracted by the peculiar effect of thunder storms at a distance of many miles often have upon persons afflicted with certain nervous diseases long before any instrument now in use indicates any atmospheric disturbance, it occurred to him that Hertzian waves emitted by thunder storms might possibly be transmitted over enormous distances through the middle and higher atmosphere by some means analogous to relays. In order to test his idea he constructed a receiver made of a horizontal plate of zinc 40 cm. in diameter, earthed by a thin copper wire containing a spark gap located in a dark cellar. With this device, in June, 1901, he made several series of nocturnal observations. In one of them the manifestations coincided with the blizzard in the Gramplains, and in another with the thunder storm which on the night of June 18 was visible over Corsica, the sky being serene in both cases where the observations were made. M. Larroque points out the importance of this character of meteorological observation, but ventures no explanation of the cause of the transmission of Hertzian waves over such enormous distances.—Philadelphia Times.

Unexplainable.
Hattie: "I wish I knew some way to make lots of money." Uncle George: "Easiest thing in the world, Hattie. Go upon the stage, and when you retire after twenty-five or thirty years you can write your reminiscences for the next half century and get good money for them. I don't know why; I only know you would."—Boston Transcript.

Cats Are Her Hobby

Rearing the Felines One of the Fads of Lady Marcus Beresford.

Among the "fads" to which English ladies of wealth, leisure and high social distinction are addicted there are few yielding the fair devotees more genuine pleasure and satisfaction than the business of breeding and rearing cats, the specialty of Lady Marcus Beresford. At her home at Bishamsgate, near Egham, Lady Beresford has established what she calls her "cat-erie," a word which fits the case, perhaps, as well as any other. The establishment is absolutely unique in every feature. Here the happy and fortunate pussies live, move, and have their being amid surroundings fit for queens and princes. One feature of the "cat-erie" is a vine-covered cottage with the rooms decorated and supplied with everything supposed to be needful for the comfort of the most fastidious of felines. There is a small kitchen for cooking food, racks to hold the white enameled bowls and plates used at feeding time, and a large book wherein is inscribed the family history of members of the establishment. By many men cats are regarded as a nuisance, if nothing worse, but by a specially fortunate circumstance Lord Beresford is deeply interested in felines himself, and is in thorough sympathy with his wife's hobby. He is one of the presidents of the London Cat Club, whose annual exhibitions are a popular feature of each recurring season, and some of the prize-winning cats at these shows every year come from Lady Beresford's cat farm.

Reverence for School Teachers.
"Lift your hat reverently when you pass the teacher of a primary school," says old "Pap" Eckert. "She takes the little bantling free from the home nest, and full of his pouts and passions, an ungovernable little wretch, whose own mother admits that she sends him to school to get rid of him. This young woman, who knows her business, takes a whole carload of these youngsters, half of whom, single-handed and alone, are more than a match for their parents and puts them in the way of being useful and upright citizens. And at what expense of toil and weariness. Here is the most responsible position in the whole school, and if her salary were double she would receive less than she earns."—A Kansas Note from Kansas City Star.

Wants More Recognition.
"I wonders," said Brother Dickey, "if Mister Roosevelt is gwine ter give de culled race any mo' rickernition dan what dey been a'havin'? Dey sho' needs it. W'y, I well equantion wid a member er my race what voted de 'publikin' ticket six times in one election, en dat man sin't even got one office ter his name! Now, of dat's what dey calls rickernition hit's mo' dan I kin see!"—Atlanta Constitution.

Seats of Monarchs

King Edward and Czar Nicholas Have Several Royal Chairs.

Great Britain has no distinctive and exclusive throne. Instead, there are four—the wooden chair, with the slab of Scotch stone, in Westminster Abbey, which has served as the coronation seat of the monarchs of this realm for seven centuries; the sumptuous chair of state in the House of Lords, the chair on which the late queen sat when holding a drawing room in Buckingham palace, and the gilt arm chair at Windsor, in which the sovereign sits to receive letters of credence or recall from foreign envoys, or accord audience to costly ambassadors.

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Suggested Others.
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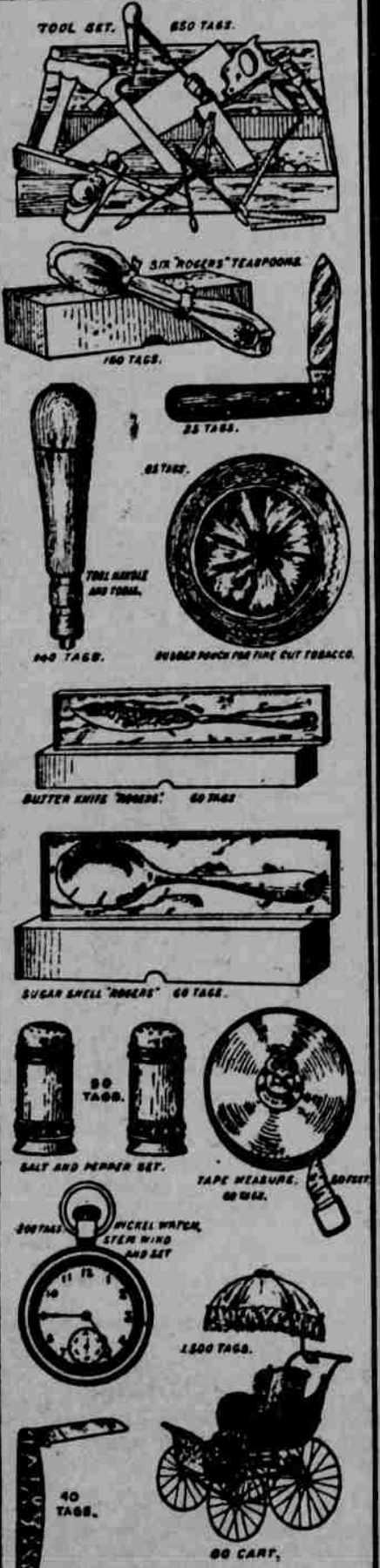
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