



Whether Common or Not

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They Are There

Two vacant places at the feast?
Not so; for both are there.
Grandma, with smiles upon her face,
Grandpa in his Thanksgiving place,
Each in the favorite chair.
You can not see, but well we know
That they are there—love tells us so.

One sleeps beneath Nebraska sod,
'Neath Oklahoma's one;
The stalwart father, mother true—
The best that children ever knew—
Their life's work long since done.
But they are here today, we know,
To sit with us—love tells us so.

We feel their hands in soft caress
As in the days of yore.
We hear their prayers our lives to bless
And give us strength for all life's stress,
And clasp their hands once more.
You can not see, but well we know
They sit with us—love tells us so.

Thanksgiving

On the square, now, isn't it a fact
That there are several edible fowls
You prefer to turkey? Isn't it the
Truth that we make turkey the piece
de resistance—if that's the French
of it—merely from force of habit?
The Pilgrim Fathers observed the
first Thanksgiving day, and as wild
turkeys were numerous and easy to
shoot, while other game was scarce,
they naturally fell back on turkey.
And ever since we have been digging
down into our pockets and paying
exorbitant prices for turkeys, when
the chicken, the goose, the duck and
the guinea fowl are a whole lot bet-
ter eating.

But what does it matter what you
have to eat on Thanksgiving day,
just so you have a plenty of what
you have, and are privileged to meet
and greet loved ones? And are there
not a lot of us who have reason to
be thankful on Thanksgiving day,
even if we are compelled by force of
circumstances to go hungry? The
Architect doesn't take much stock in
Thanksgiving day as it now is ob-
served. It seems to have degener-
ated into a day of football, and
merrymaking, instead of being a day
of real thanksgiving. We rush
about our work until noon, then rush
home and stuff ourselves to reple-
tion, then rush off to the football
game, and then rush home, tired and
worn and frazzled, then to bed and
wake up next morning with head-
ache and indigestion.

And turkey meat is usually dry,
too often tough, and the supply so
inadequate that one of them now
costs almost as much as a yearling
steer cost ten or fifteen years ago.
We have determined to strike Mr.
Turkey from our visiting list.

The Difference

Two years ago Anton Skeiwetski
was run down by a street car and
one leg cut off. He sued for damages
and after waiting thirteen months
his case came to trial. He was
awarded \$2,000 damages. The com-
pany appealed to the supreme court,
taking the usual six months to per-
fect its appeal. A year passed since
then. The court is two years behind
with its work, and Anton's case can
not be reached inside of another
year.

That corporation is using the
courts to delay justice.

On October 13th, last, Charles
McGarvin was charged with having

embezzled \$150 from a manufactur-
ing corporation. On November 11th,
last, he was sentenced to two years
in the penitentiary.

When the meat packers were
caught defying the anti-trust law
they were enjoined from doing it
again and given a warning.

It took only a few months to sen-
tence three labor leaders to prison
and a fine of thousands of dollars
for daring to exercise the right of
free speech through a free press.

Yet there are those who wonder
why there is a growing disrespect
for the courts.

Music

We've got lots of music at our
home. We got a phonograph with
trading stamps, a piano player on the
installment plan, the Littlest Boy is
learning to whistle, the Little Wo-
man plays the guitar given her in
those salad days when she was al-
ways hurrying to get the supper
dishes done and the Architect was
sure to drop in before the last dish
was dried. The only thing dad can
play is the piano and the jew-
harp. The Biggest Girl plays the
piano and the Next Biggest is taking
lessons on the violin.

We call it music, and to date none
of the neighbors have had the nerve
to drop in and protest.

But, then, none of us tries to play
the cornet or trombone.

Sure

"Anything to be thankful for this
year?"

"Sure. John came through the
football season without getting his
spine fractured, Sarah has worn her
French heel shoes six weeks with-
out spraining her ankle, little Dick
hasn't mashed his finger with the
hammer for weeks and the baby cut
her first tooth without keeping us
up a single night. Course I've got
a lot to be thankful for."

Williebugs

If the ax danced would the saw-
buck?

If she saw a calf's skin would the
cowhide?

If January winds whistled a tune
would February March?

If a carpenter's wife refused to
could the cabinetmaker?

Would the tree fall if the cord-
wood?

Does the trombone begrudge what
the cornet?

Winning Combination

"Are your children meeting with
success in life?"

"I should say so," replied Mr.
Kajones. "They've tackled life at
both ends and are sure to get there."

"What are they doing?"
"Susie's a hairdresser and Bill's a
chiropodist."

Limerick

There was a young man in Ky
Whom everyone said was quite ly.

When all's said and done
His successes were won

Because the young fellow was py.

Financiering

"Jones is about the best financier
in this country."

"Why, I heard he went broke in
the automobile business."

"Not much! He merely sunk
\$50,000 selling automobiles at half-

price. Then he quit selling them
and opened a repair shop."

We've Forgotten

A few weeks ago we were quite
sure that the election on November
7 was going to be a prophecy of the
future, but just what it was we have
forgotten.

A few days ago we were terribly
worried about something, but what
it was has slipped our mind, and we
are not foolish enough to try and
recall it.

Wonderful

"Speaking of speed records,
Dockerly broke one yesterday."

"How many miles an hour did he
make?"

"Miles, nothing! He made three
moves in a chess game in a minute
and fifty-four seconds."

Succeeded

"Is Bingerly still trying to save
the country?"

No; he's saved it."

"How's that?"

"Didn't you know that he finally
secured an appointment as head
doorkeeper in the legislature?"

Nothing Doing

"Hello, Biggerly! I've got a bully
good stovepipe joke to tell you."

"Well, you'll not tell it to me,"
shouted Biggerly, nursing three cut
fingers, a skinned elbow, a sprained
knee and a sort throat.

Limerick

There was a young man in Duquesne
Who wandered along a dark luesne.

He took a hard roll

When he stepped in a holl,
And suffered a great deal of puesne.

The Poet

"Have all your friends bought
copies of your new book?"

"I guess so. I never did seem to
have many friends."

Brain Leaks

A good book is a personal friend.
Faith has lighted many a heart
through the dark places.

He who sins expecting forgiveness
is going to experience disappoint-
ment.

There are multitudes of good story
tellers; what is needed is more good
listeners.

A lot of men think they are pro-
gressing when they are really run-
ning around in circles.

A square meal will have more in-
fluence on a starving man than a
freight car full of tracts.

When a man wants to find an ex-
cuse for his meanness he doesn't
have to exert his thinkery very hard.

A lot of people think they are
making sacrifices when they give up
something they don't care anything
for.

If you are worrying about the cost
of the Christmas gift you contem-
plate giving, you are foolish to give
any.

The world is not looking for men
who can do "good enough" jobs; it
is looking for men who can do the
"very best" jobs.

We love to grow reminiscent about
the good old times, but the boys of
today seldom have to wear trousers
made out of dad's discards.

Napoleon and Washington had red
hair, but that doesn't make the red-
headed boy of today feel any better
about it when he is called "brick-
top."

A lot of people who look wise and
decare that science and the Bible
don't jibe believe that science is
something they sell back of the pre-
scription case in country drug stores.

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