#### OUR GALLINACEOUS GOBBLER

Tirst Flaming Harbingers of Approaching Slaughters of Innocents.

WARM WEATHER THREATENS TURKEY TRADE

Estimated that from Ten to Fifteen Thousand Birds Must Be Enten to Attest Popular Gratitude on Thanksgiving Day,

But few premonitory symptoms of the annually recurring slaughter of the innocents have yet manifested themselves, but the observant traveler along the public thoroughfares escapes not occasional sad and solemn reminders that the Thanksgiving season of feasting is approaching. Here and there along his path, protruding from between the rough bars of a poultry crate, peers the crimson and purple head of what Bill Nye has termed the polygamous gobbler. Its very color is suggestive of the coming bloodshed, and the plaintive tones of its inquisitive lamentation seem to bear some relation to its approaching fate.

As one approaches the cramped quarters of the crated birds, the gallinaceous creature stretches forth sidewise its suggestive head with a look of anxious, inquicitive pleading in its wide-open eye and a seeming air of proud disdain mingled therewith. Pride is the chief characteristic of the turkey gobbler when upon his native heath, and this characteristic is reflected in the cry to which he then gives utterance, the strident, unctuous alarm which W. S. Gilbert, the librettist, has woven into classic aesociation in the gobble song of one of his operas. But in his ante-Thanksgiving state of captivity and its consequent uncertainties, his proud trumpetings give way to a plaintive yet musical shrick that is handed out in smooth and softening cadences which appeal to humanity with distinct pathos. The writer of the gobble song never derived his inspiration from the pleading utterances of the crated bird, the annual pilgrimage of which is made cityward in recognition of Thanksgiving, and yet the performance of that pilgrimage appears to be the chief end of the meleagris galopavo.

The turkey, originally wild in North America, appears to have been domesticated by the Indiane some time before Thanksgiv ing day was invented for his destruction and in spite of the ravages committed an nually upon his species by the devoutly thankful, he lives on in apparently undi minished numbers. The November influx of turkeys cityward has barely begun, and but few crates of the succulent bird are yes to be seen along the walks in the commission house district.

Supply Required in Omnha. "How many are consumed in Omaha each Thanksgiving season?" was a responsive inquiry of one of the leading commission men "Well, I should say one to every ten people, and placing the population of Omaha at 150,000 I should say that 15,000 are consumed annually at Thanksgiving. Some families of four or five persons dispose of a turkey without overloading, while many are compelled to go without one. I think one to every ten persons is a fair estimate for an average year. There are seven or eight commission firms handling turkeys and poultry generally, and I do not, of course, know how many they each sell each year, but I have sold as high as 20,000 pounds of turkey in one day, the day preceding

number to be sold for the coming Thanks. giving will depend very much upon the The turkey raiser does not easily let go of his stock until it gets cold, as the weather not only affects the sale, but the price. Had it been cold recently there would not be a turkey in those crates out there, for many people like to buy birds alive in advance. They think they save something by it, and I guess they do.

Come from Nebraska and Kansas. "Where do they come from? Why, most of those we get here are raised by the farmers of Nebraska, although large numbers come from Kansas. They are gathered up by the grocers and dealers in small towns and cities and shipped here to us for sale on commission. There is no way to tell whether the crop is large or small, except by the quantities in which they are shipped to us. The start made this year, being so early, indicates that there is not likely to be any shortage, although one cannot tell until near Thanksgiving day.

"Predictions are often made as to the supply, but they are unreliable. For instance, it is said in market reports that there is a shortage this year of ducks and geese, but ducks are coming into our market without any apparent falling off and I do not see any reason to give credence to the forecasted scarcity. You know there is not much demand for ducks and geese at Thanksgiving, but they are wanted for the Christmas season, while the demand for chickens abates wonderfully in the fall and does not revive until after the holidays. No, I do not know of such an enterprise anywhere as a turkey farm. I have heard of farms whereon the chief industry was the raising of chickens for the market, but the enterprise does not, as far as I have heard. seem to have extended to the turkey, who must raise himself by his own industry and the sweat of his crimson brow."

Another dealer said that he thought 10,000 would cover the number of turkeys sacrificed in Omaha for the Thanksgiving season,

### RELIGIOUS.

The Irish church since disestablishment has raised for its own use from voluntary offerings more than \$1.000,000 a year. The Universalist church reports 1,063 par-ishes and 47,471 families, an incrase of about 1,200 families over last year. It is stated that among men in Japan faith in idolatry is waning and that nine out of ten heathen worshipers are women. A large Mormon temple will be built in Louisville, Ky., as a central point from which missionaries will be sent throughout

The Record of England reports the case for incense in the Episcopal church thus: Out of 288 churches sixty-six have yielded and 220 continue the use. Rev. Father O'Connell, who recently re-tired from the rectorship of the North American college, is the richest Roman Catholic prelate in America.

Of the 60,000 population of Palestine 45,999 are Jews, 9,000 are Christians and 8,000 are Mohammedans, who, although numerically in the minority, are in authority.

Since the beginning of the recent famine in India the Salvation Army has opened twenty-five depots for the sale of grain at pre-famine prices in Gujerat and Raj-

Archbishop Chappelle of New Orleans, who was recently appointed by the pope to have charge of the Roman Catholic church interests in the Philippines, will sail for Luzon on December 19. Rev. Father Rousselet of the French Roman Catholic mission in the province of the Niger, has been presented with a gold emblem by the Royal Niger company for bravery in remaining at his post at Issele during the native rebellion last year. Issele during the native rebellion last year.
Dr. Joseph Parker of the City Temple,
London, said the other day that if every
curate were a saint, if every dean were
beyond reproach, and if archbishops were
in point of excellence almost archangels,
he should still be a strong Protestant evangelical dissenter.

The Rev. Charles M. Sheldon of Topeka. Kan., who has come to be widely known as the author of a book called "In His Steps," has rewritten the Apostle's Creed for the use of his parishioners. His inpovation of story-telling instead of sermons

# Lesson II Merchants' Alphabet Club

T IS quite evident from the easy, graceful manner in which the letters of the Alphabet are tossed about by the pupils who have recited their "A B C's" before the Merchants' Alphabet Club that some good, hard studying has been done previous to our announcement—probably at night school—in anticipation of the handsome prizes offered for the best pupils, so the teachers have decided to pass you at once into the second year and take up Lesson II, which will be word making. You all know how many letters on a page. Now who can tell us correctly how many words?

NOTICE—The Telegraph System Will be used in Counting the Words. For example, every figure counts as a separate word, the dollar sign is a word, every initial and abbreviation is a word. Handsome prizes will be given to the persons who come the nearest to estimating the number of words on pages of The Sunday Bee. All estimates must be handed in on coupons cut from this paper, together with the advertisement of the club member. Out-of-town people are allowed to mail their coupons. City people must hand them in. All participants should bear in mind that no person will be allowed to hand in more than ten coupons a day on any one prize.

Coupons must be mailed to the advertiser, not to The Bee.

(Signed) MERCHANTS' ALPHABET CLUB.





Sale on Ladies Tailor-Made **SUITS** 

\$15 and \$18 Values at

In covert, venetian, broadcloth and serge-jackets taffeta Thanksgiving. This would mean about 2,000 lined, various styles—these garments are exceptionally well "Of course the weather has a great deal to made, the tailoring alone being worth more than our price do with the trade. It takes cold weather for the entire garment. But the season being well gone we JEWELER. prefer to sacrifice rather than carry them over to next year. Ladies out of town can get fitted by send-

ing their measure. Fit guaranteed in 

December 4th we will give to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 18 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3rd, a Sixty-five dollar Sewing

MERCHANTS' ALPHABET CLUB COUPON. My estimate of the number of words on page 18 of the Omaha Sunday

Bee of December 3rd, 1899, is............... ...... .... ..... Address ....... This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the

### **We Personally Examine Every Garment**

preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribe rs allowed to mail their coupons

That's made up at this establishment-as | well as fit it—and look after the details. This is only ONE reason why our prices are We shall be pleased to see you December 23rd we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of letter C's on page 16 of The Sunday Bee of December 17th a handsome sluit of made to measure clothes, the price of which is \$30.00.

The Bee Tailors, 1607 FARNAM STREET.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon My estimate of the number of letter C's on page 16 of The Omaha Sunday

ANTI-MONOPOLY DRUG STORE-Lowest Cut Prices on Drugs.

Crystal Pepsin Gum. 3 pkgs for
50c Perfumes, Woodworth's
Buttermilk Soap, 3 cakes
Kenyon's Kold Kure, guaranteed.
25c Javenile Soap
25c chamols skin soap Equally low prices on prescriptions. Glycerole of Roses, 25c. Cures rough skin.

December 4th we will give to the two persons estimating the nearest number of words on page 24 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d. to the first a \$6.00 bottle of perfume, and to the second a \$3.00 bottle of perfume.

KUHN'S DRUG STORE, 15th & Douglas

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 24 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is ......

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

3-quart Hot Water Bottle ..... 2-quart Fountain Syringe ...... 3-quart Fountain Syringe ...... These goods are all guaranteed for December 4th we will give to the person

estimating the nearest number of words on page 16 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d a bottle of fine perfume; retails at \$5.00. WALDRON & CAMPBELL, 222 South 16th St.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 16 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is ......

Address
This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before five p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

### Allegretti Chocolate Creams

At Chicago prices. Always fresh. December 4th we will give to the three persons estimating the nearest number of words on page 21 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d, a five-pound box of Allegretti Chocolates to each.

Myers-Dillon Drug Co. 16th and Farnam.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 21 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is ......

Address ....... ..... This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before five p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

### Copley, the Jeweler

215 S. 16th street, Paxton block, invites you to examine his \$16.00 ladies' watch. You will admit it is the best value you ever saw. Another bargain is our \$25.00 watches for gentlemen. You can select either of these watches or any other article in Copley's stock, have it engraved and laid away till you want it. Remember, it costs nothing to examine and compare these goods with others.

December 4th we will give away to each of the three persons estimating the nearest number of words on page 23 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d a handsome \$2.90 buckle.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 23 of The Omaha Sunday

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before five p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

### Monday

From 10 o'clock until 4 o'clock, we will sell our second-hand Sewing Machines at half our regular price. Never were such bargains offered. Machines that will make

stitch will be sold as 10.

Old Price. Monday
\$2.50 \$1.00
7.00 3.5
10.00 5.0
3.50 1
stic 12.00 6
stic 15.00 7
fr 5.00
8 Wheeler & Wilson 4.00
erican 8.00
iredge 10.00
9.00

EBRASKA CYCLE CO., 15th & Harney, December 11th we will give away to the erson estimating the nearest number of letter E's on page 22 of The Sunday Bee of December 10th a fine new Ball Bearing Davis Sewing Machine.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of letter E's on page 22 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of Dec. 10, 1899, is ...... Name ........ .....

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town sub-scribers allowed to mail their coupons.

#### Nothing So Acceptable Diamonds are the most interesting of all

jewels. They have figured in history, poems and songs-been the cause of deaths without number, linked hearts together, provided ready money, all while serving as beautiful ornaments. Nothing could be more acceptable or economical as a gift to one's self or one's friends. We show the most exquisite line in town and sell at old prices-before diamonds went up.

December 4th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 14 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d a pair of solid gold link cuff buttons—retails for \$6.00.

### A. EDHOLM,

Merchants' Alphabet Club Conpon. My estimate of the number of words on page 14 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of November 26, 1899, is ......

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscrib-ers allowed to mail their coupons.

**Electric Insoles** For cold feet, rheumatism, cramps, gout in feet and those troubled with fetor or offensive smell. Place them in the bottom of shoe or boot with discs upward.

Price Per Pair, 50c. December 4th we will give to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 14 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d fine camera valued at \$9.00

#### The Aloe & Penfold Co., 1408 Farnam Street.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 14 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is ......

Address ...... .... This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscrib-ers allowed to mail their coupons.

#### A Beautiful Picture

Will make an acceptable Christmas pres ent-providing it comes from .. ROSE'S ART STORE ... 1521 DODGE STREET.

The handsomest line of Pictures and Pic ture Frames in Omaha. December 4th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 17 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d, a beautiful \$6.00 picture.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 17 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is ......

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

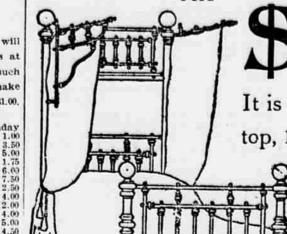
#### For all the latest Books and Magazines CONSULT

J. C. ROCKY, 105 NORTH 16TH ST. December 4th we will give to the person stimating the nearest number of words n page 18 of The Sunday Bee of December

3d, six dollars worth of books and maga-

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 18 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is ......

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### **Brass Bedstead** Free this week

It is a beautiful all Brass Bedstead with canopy top, 1 1-2-inch posts and 2 1-2-inch knobs, extra

> heavy brass fillings and could not be purchased under the price quoted. We will give it free of charge this week as our prize for the Bee Alphabetical con-

# Dining Room Furniture

To reduce our stock we have taken all sample Sideboards, Tables and China Closets when we have but one of a kind and marked them at one-third less than the regular price.

# Sample Chairs

at big bargains-all Dining Chairs in lots of six or less at about one-half price, 50 patterns to select from, \$1.00 to \$8.00 each.

### Flemish Oak Dining Room Furniture

Regardless of cost-some pretty prices very cheap.

December 4th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 17 of the Sunday Bee of December 3rd an \$85 brass bedstead.

## Dewey & Stone Furniture Co.

1115-1117 Farnam Street.

MERCHANTS ALPHABET CLUB COUPON. My estimate of the number of words on page 17 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of December 3rd, '99, is.......

Address ...... This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before five p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out of town sub-

# A Sell Out

Of all our magnificent stock of Mackintoshes-the largest in the city-including all colors and styles of women's and men's Must be disposed of at a give-away price of

# 40 cents

on the dollar. It will pay you to investigate this, as no such reliable goods have ever been shown at such prices. Going Out of the Rubber Business.

Omaha Tent and Rubber Co., 1311 Farnam St.

December 4th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of words on page 22 of The Sunday Bee of December 3d, a \$15.00 ladies' or gents' fine mackintosh.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of words on page 22 of The Omnha Sunday Bee of December 3d, 1899, is ......

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### Your Wife

or in fact any of our set rings-or a nice piece of silverware, which we are selling so cheap-or an elegant cut glass vase. Don't ask her-select it now and have it laid away and give at to her Christmas and see how she appreciates your selection of a gift December 4th we will give to the person esimating the nearest number of letter J's on page 15 of The Sunday Bee of Decem-ber 3d a beautiful sliver cut glass salad set.

T. L. Combs & Co., The Busy Jewelers, 1520 Douglas.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of letter on page 15 of The Omaha Sunday 

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.

### ..PIANOS..

Given Away Free! A \$350 Hamilton Piano.

WHAT FOR? We want every person in Omaha to know and see the kind of piano we sell-we have the largest stock of FINE PIANOS in Omaha.

We make lower prices than any house in AMERICA. Remember it is not always what you pay, but what you

get for your money. A good second-hand upright Knabe left on sale, at a very special bargain. We sell the Baldwin, Hamilton and

various other makes. On December 18th we will give away to the person estimating the nearest number of letter A's on page 15 of the Sunday Bee of December 17th—A Fine \$350 Full Size Handsome Case New Upright

### DICKINSON & HUSTON. Manufacturers' Agents for

1514 Douglas Street.

MERCHANTS' ALPHABET CLUB COUPON. My estimate of the number of letter A's on page 15 of The Omaha Sun-

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribe rs allowed to mail their coupons. Some one

#### will be sorry some day that they did Sterling Bicycles we are offering NOW for about one-half

the actual value \$33.00 is the price this week.

Omaha Bicycle Co., Cor. 16th and Chicago Sts.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of let-ter Rs on page 22 of The Omaha Sunday Ree of December 24, 1899,

This advertisement and coupon must be handed in at our store before 5 p. m. the preceding Saturday. Out of town subscrib-ers allowed to mail their coupons.

### Regina Music Boxes.

The latest and best Music Box made-not an instrument of a limited number of tunes, but the interchangeable steel tune disks. Play all kinds and varieties of music. All cases, of elegant design and finish, are made of solid hard wood of American growth. Boxes from \$7.00 up.

A. HOSPE,

1513 Douglas. Cor. 16th and Chicago Sts.

December 25th we will give away to the person estimating to the nearest number of letter Rs on page 22 of the Sunday Bee of December 24, a \$45.00 Defiance Sewing Machine.

Merchants' Alphabet Club Coupon. My estimate of the number of letter H's on page 20 of The Omaha Sunday Bee of Dec. 3, 1899, is .......

Address ....... ...... This advertisement and coupon must be hanged in at our store before 5 p. m. the Preceding Saturday. Out-of-town subscribers allowed to mail their coupons.