

Selected Story.

THE PIG KILLIN' FEAST.

"Come over t' the pig killin' Monday," hospitably bade the sprightly mistress of the old black farm house.

Monday came, calm and still and a bit hazy, as a typical November day should be. On the rise by the mossy stone wall and not too near the mossy apple trees—for everything about this hoary farm was gray with lichens—the brush fires were kindled that heated the stones which were to keep up the temperature in the scalding casks.

This was indeed a state occasion, with the fire redly glowing in the best room, the waving contour of its floor concealed beneath a neat rag carpet with a whole archipelago of braided rugs.

In a picturesque group by the soaring blue smoke and crackling flames, the four men in their overalls and most tattered raiment, assembled round the first victim, and plunged him into the huge cask, while their commander with the sage air born of experience, timed the moments with zealous care for his withdrawal while the bristles were at the most favorable stage for removal.

The triumphant entrance of the small boy later, bearing an inflated bladder, announced that "cutting up" was at hand, and indoors a table was hurriedly set forth and bared, and two—only two, luckily for the novices—neatly sharpened penknives lay ready.

"Good land o' liberty, I'll have to kite round some to git foreheaded with that job," cried the house mistress; and from his corner the toothless patriarch demanded witheringly: "What, be them hogs—all guts!"

"Why, bless ye, you ignorant critters, ain't ye never seen nobody make sausage? Here, come and take a lesson, and don't be skittish. This here she's jest stripped off is the sweetbread. Yonder's the paunch, 'n' this livery-lookin' mess I'm slicin' off it's the melt. Some says you can tell by the aiges of it whether winter's comin' off mild or hard. How is it, grampy?"

Grampy shrilly opined that either a thin aige or a thick aige meant a cold winter, but he couldn't call to mind just how 'twas, and fresh relays arrived with the piece de resistance of the coming meal—the pluck, comprising liver and lights, and the novices timidly set to work, spurred on by lively and unique instructions, to assist in its preparation for the pot and the dripping pan.

Company began to arrive, old neighbors who had met annually for long years around this same convivial board, and the kitchen presently boasted an expectant and ever-widening circle as the killers rested from their labors and sipped hard cider, drawn ice-cold from the barrel in the pasture, and the women knit edging and exchanged gossip, the simple, harmless small news of the kindly community.

Then there was the recent funeral to discuss, the latest excitement, with its many absorbing details; how she had failed toward the last, 'n' 'twas fret, fret, fret all the time—how her feet was all puffed up, and red as a fire o' cold, 'n' she couldn't only jest tattle; how Sarah Emma was mad because she wasn't invited special, 'n' never came nigh the funeral; how, after the connection was seated, Miss Chace came in with three young ones bla'tin like cats, cause they was in a strange place.

"'Twas a powerful sermon the elder preached over her," thoughtfully remarked one of the male audience, basking on the wood box; "a real good sermon. I hadn't no fault to find. One thing he said I shan't never forget. 'O, that fust night in the grave!' he said. It took holt of me, he hollered it out so loud and clear. 'O, that fust night in the grave!' says he."

A temporary gloom overspread the waiting circle, dispelled only by the cheerful bustle of the volunteer kitchen maids, the rattle of cutlery as the extension table was pulled to its extreme length, and the appetizing aroma of the old-fashioned dish, nearing completion in the sizzling kettle. Onion, turnips, potatoes and pumpkin were whipped into place, boiled meal dumplings, to be served with gravy, dotted the board, and pumpkin pie and old-fashioned rusk were set on to relieve all suspense as to the nature of the dessert.

Where were the novices' resolutions and the sustenance of the precautionary lunch eaten at home? They were hungry, pig killin' had become a thing of the past, and the sage-dressed liver had a tempting odor. Even the connoisseurs failed to outdo them. The hostess received her various tributes with lofty calm. "I've stood to 'n' got up pluck dinners 40 year, 'n' et 'em 60," she responded graciously. "pity, if I hain't got no wit for 'em now. Here, grampy, draw yer plate up a little higher tew yer."

For the patriarch, hurriedly mumbling his gravedumping with a toothless glee, was establishing a Morse's alphabet in brown dots and dashes across the shinning table cover. Light compliment and badinage were exchanged among the ladies, and recipes for rusk, but the men folk devoted themselves to business, with no frivolous decours, while plates were emptied and refilled twice and thrice, and in time appalling by its brevity, the event of the year was over. Mild bets exchanged between the slayers as to the weight of the swine, they set forth to their verifying with brief good days, while the competent and untruffled hostess, condescending in her triumph, superintended the neighborly dishwashers in the pantry, and hospitably filled lard pails with the remains of the banquet for the youthful and decrepit stay-at-homes, who had missed the grand occasion, and the feast was ended.—[M. M. T. in the Providence Journal.

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For Concord, Manchester, Nashua, Lowell and Boston via Wells River and Plymouth, 1.40 a. m. (daily), 9.00 a. m., 2.33 p. m. Arriving at Boston, 8.05 a. m., 4.45, 8.35 p. m.

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January 22, 1894.

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For East St. Johnsbury, North Concord, Miles Pond and Lunenburg, 2.30 a. m., 2.45 p. m., 4.55 p. m. (mixed)

For Whitefield, Fayans, Crawford, Glen, North Conway, Fryeburg, Portland, Brunswick, Lewiston, Augusta, Waterville, Bangor and St. John, 2.30 a. m., 2.45 p. m. For Boston via North Conway, 2.30 a. m. H. E. FOLSON, D. J. FLANDERS, Supt. Gen. Pass. Agt.

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