

Thanksgiving Temptations

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MISTAH LAWKIN'S chicken house am right along de road; Doah am gittin' shaky—uh, huh!—tried it foh I knowed; De price ob meat am scan'lous in dis neck ob neighborhood. An' chicken wif yoush sweet p'tatoes cuhtainly am good. Laws! I's thankful I's a good chu'ch man.

De punkin am a-shinin' down De dog an' me am fren'ly; De moon he keeps a-dodgin' Ain't no real Thanksgibin' less Laws! I's thankful



in Mistah Lawkin's patch; gind has got a broken latch; 'hind de clouds up in de sky; yo' got a punkin pie. I's a good chu'ch man

O'L' Nickerdemus Johnsing, wif his fiddle an' his bow, Am comin' up this ebenin', an' he ax me if I know De young folks 'ranged a pawty an' they hopes dat I'll salute Muh pawtnuh like in ol' times—makes muh feet go, don't dispute. Mighty glad dat I's a good chu'ch man.



MR. JOHNSON'S SHIFTLESSNESS

How It Lost Him a Thanksgiving Dinner at Home.

By WILL S. GIDLEY.

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OT yeh Thanksgiving' tuhkey yet, Missus Johnsing?" asked Mrs. Rawlins across the dividing line fence of her neighbor in the next cottage.

"Has I got my Thanksgiving' tuhkey yet?" echoed Mrs. Johnson in tones of mingled indignation and despondency. "Is yeh axin' me if I's got my Thanksgiving' tuhkey? No, I hasn't! An', furthermore, I don't 'spect to git no tuhkey foh Thanksgiving' this year, nor chicken neither, foh dat matter, wid such a lazy, wu'thless, no account niggah as Hannibal Alexander Johnsing to 'ficate as de grub pervider foh de family."

After a momentary pause and a doleful shake of her turbaned head the speaker went glibly on:

"Heah I bin sayin' 'tuhkey, 'tuhkey,' to him foh de past six weeks, an' I 'clare to goodness it ain't done no mo' good dan talkin' to de wind."

"Didn't dat improvident husban' ob yoush make no attempt to secure a



HE WAS SILENTLY MEANDERING HOMEWARD.

tuhkey at all?" inquired Mrs. Rawlins in tone of neighborly sympathy. "What's he bin doin' all dis time?"

"Yes, Hannibal Alexander made an attempt at it down at Bill Jackson's tuhkey raffle de odder night. An' he throwed de highest number ob de hull gang dat was tryin' foh it, but what good did it do him? De crowd accused him ob cheatin', an' dat keerless niggah not habin' his razor wid him de budd was awarded to de nex' highest man."

"Dat was hard luck foh shuah."

"It was dat, but it served Hannibal right. De ideah ob goin' to a tuhkey raffle widout habin' his razor along! Who ebber heah ob such incomprehensible thoughtlessness as dat? Golly, golly! Dat ah no composit crid'dun forgit his hair some time if twa'n't tied on! Ob all de husban's I hab bin afflicted wid endurin' my mortal career—an' I's had four ob 'em—foh downright keerlessness an' lack ob gumption de present incumbent am de climax an' capsbeat ob dem all."

"Golly! Is dat so?"

"It suttlinly am! Why, Missus Rawlins, what d'yeh s'pose dat good foh nothin' niggah hab happen to him last night?"

"I dunno. Somefin' drefful, I 'spects," and Mrs. Rawlins rolled up her eyes and smacked her lips in anticipation of the forthcoming revelation.

"Drefful? I should say it was!" wailed Mrs. Johnson. "Not habin' bli able to connect wid a tuhkey up to date an' Thanksgiving' bein' only a few hours off an' gittin' closer at hand

eb'ry minit, Hannibal Alexander suddenly riz to de emergency an' went forth to secure de necessary ingredients foh a Thanksgiving' dinner, even if twa'n't nuffin' more'n chicken. He found de article all right, an' 'long 'bout midnight he was silently meanderin' homeward wid a plump young rooster under one arm an' a nice fat pullet under de oder, when all at once he stubbed his toe—yes'm, stubbed his toe an' fell down, kerplunk!—an' I 'clare to goodness if dat shiftless mortal didn't lost his grip on dem buhds an' let 'em both git away!

"Hard luck, did yeh say? Huh! No luck ebout it—jest plain shiftlessness, dat's all—an' I hab no sort ob respect or use foh a man who 'lows a chicken dinner to slip out ob his hands in dat keerless sort ob way, an' de night before Thanksgiving' at that!"

"Why don't I take de money I made washin' last week an' buy a tuhkey, eh? Not much, Mandy Jane! Yeh don't kotch me encouragin' no sich downright shiftlessness by 'duigin' de perpetrator ob it in dat way. De only wishbone Hannibal Alexander Johnsing will pick at his Thanksgiving' dinner dis year will be de wishbone ob a codfish—dat is, if I gin him any dinah 't all, an' I habn't 'zackly 'cided yit whedder I will or not."

Thanksgiving Centerpieces.

The centerpiece for the Thanksgiving table should symbolize the fruitfulness of the year, that, properly, for which thanks are given. The basket may be simple or elaborate, as the taste inclines, but the simpler it is the more in keeping with the spirit of the season. Nuts may be used in filling the basket. Let the assortment of nuts include hickory nuts, butternuts, black walnuts and chestnuts. For the distinct purpose of decoration quinces may be employed, and these, together with winter pears and apples, should be burnished highly. Finish the front centerpiece with bunches of purple grapes, velvety in their bloom. At the base of the basket may be arranged a bank of green grapes or preferably dried grains.

THE GOBBLER'S NIGHTMARE

By OUR OWN UNCLE WALT.

THE gobbler sat upon a limb and gobbled (soon they'd gobble him!) about this evanescent life and all its struggle, all its strife. "Bird that is born of egg," said he, "is full of trouble as can be. When from the egg he first doth hatch, forthwith he needs must to the scratch, and scratch with both his baby feet all day to find enough to eat. Of course his mother scratches some to fill his hungry little tum, but when the family is many she often can't provide him any. And when he grows a bigger bird he's singled out from midst the herd, provided he bids fair to be a whopper gobbler, same as me. From that time on he gets his chuck free gratis, which he thinks is lucky; but, after all, it is a trick of Farmer Jones that makes me sick, for, though I'm gorged on corn and oats and have a pen, the same as shotes, I have a fear that turns me pale and makes my diet flat and stale. Such overeating makes me dream of things more awful than I see. In nightmares dreams I see the ax and hear its sharp and shuddery whacks. Oh, such is my distressful dread I sometimes think I'll lose my head!"

And thus the gobbler gobbled on till came the chill November dawn, and Farmer Jones he also came with purpose which we needn't name. "By jinks," quoth he, "it seems to me this gobbler's most unusual tame! He doesn't try to get away, though this is sure Thanksgiving' day." He reached to grasp the gobbler's leg and found it lifeless as a peg. Alas, the gobbler in the night had died and frozen there with fright!

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MITES AND LICE.

By William F. Schoppe, Poultryman, Montana Agricultural College.

The spider is the most annoying external parasites that attack poultry. It is found in all parts of the country and the poultryman who would keep his premises free of these pests must keep constantly after them.

Like lice they are worst in those houses which are rarely cleaned, where dirt and filth predominate. Neither of these insects come direct from the filth, but such conditions are most conducive to their rapid growth and development.

In appearance mites are yellowish white, red, or dark red, the color varying with the amount of food in the body. During the day time they will be found in the cracks in and about the roosts and nests and where the house is badly infested they are found in the walls and in the cracks in the walls and roof. At night they leave these hiding places to go on to the fowls to feed. These insects suck the blood from the body and have been known to kill the fowls. They are a great annoyance to setting hens, sometimes feeding on them until their combs become colorless and they can no longer stay on the nests for weakness. Where the hens are persistent setters mites have been known to kill them.

To combat mites it is necessary to keep the houses clean, and since they hide in the cracks about the house the point of attack must be the house itself and not the fowls. To do this a liquid must be used and it must be put on in such a way that the cracks are filled and every place in the house is touched. A spray pump is most satisfactory for this, but it may be done with brushes.

For a solution one of the very best that has been used at this station and one that has proved very reliable is made as follows:

- 4 quarts thin whitewash. 2 quarts coal oil (kerosene). 1 1/2 quarts creosol.

This is applied thoroughly and frequently until all mites have disappeared.

Lice are not nearly so annoying to the fowls as are the mites. For the most part they live on the refuse and waste products of the body. They are found on the hens themselves and are combated by use of powders. As with mites, the first thing to do is to keep the houses clean.

In powdering fowls be sure and work the powder well into the feathers, especially under the wings, between the legs, and into the fluff feathers. Four or five days after the first powdering a second application should be made in order to catch the newly hatched lice. After such treatment, if the houses are kept clean and the fowls given a good dusting place, they will keep themselves free from lice for quite a long time.

One of the best powders to use is the Persian insect powder. The Maine Station Bulletin 179 recommends the following mixture:

- 3 parts gasoline. 1 part crude carbolic acid (90-95 per cent).

Mix with sufficient plaster of Paris to take up all moisture. Where carbolic acid of the proper strength cannot be obtained, use one part creosol.

HOW TO REMOVE STAINS.

Some Information of Value to Every Housewife.

Every housewife should know how to remove such stains as iron rust, ink, wagon grease, gum and sticky fly paper.

For iron rust on white goods a strong solution of oxalic acid may be used. Lay the spot on a plate over the teakettle and apply the acid carefully to the spot till the stain changes to light yellow. Rinse with diluted ammonia water and then with clear water. The acid used may be prepared by dissolving four ounces of oxalic acid crystals in eight ounces of cold water. Label it, "Oxalic Acid, POISON."

Lard will remove wagon grease, gum and sticky fly paper stains from any material that will bear an after application of soap and water to remove the lard.—Abigail M. Hess, Montana Agricultural College.

Irrigation and Drainage Go Together.

Waste and seepage waters on irrigated lands should not be allowed to settle into low pockets or spread out over level areas, but should be conducted to the nearest stream or outlet in ditches or covered drains. This has an important effect on land value for thousands of acres are ruined by overirrigation and neglect of drainage.

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Ewes On Sale.

We have young breeding ewes to put out on shares for one year, from October 1, 1911, with responsible parties. Write us for further information. J. B. LONG & CO., Great Falls, Montana.

Bucks For Sale.

Rambouillet and half-blood Cotswold bucks for sale. Write to and purchasers for particulars address BENTON SHEEP CO.

Horses For Sale.

I have for sale three head of mares and two geldings, or will trade for young cows. Inquire of or write to C. TEMPLETON, Highwood, Mont.

Rewards For Estrays.

Estrayed, a brown gelding branded also a gray work horse branded on right thigh. Ten dollars reward for recovery of each animal. THORE RITLAND, Fort Benton.

Reward For Estray.

Will pay \$10 reward for information leading to recovery of a black gelding, weight about 1,000 pounds, white spot in face, one white foot; branded K3 on left shoulder and NX on right thigh. GEO. LAVANWAY, Hawarden.

\$100.00 Reward.

I will pay the above reward to any one for evidence that will convict any party of stealing or driving off their range or unlawfully tampering with horses branded 4-6 on left shoulder and other marks. Range west of Alma postoffice, between Little Sage and Big Sage. I will also pay a liberal reward for information concerning above horses when any of them are away from their range. Address CHAS. J. HARBEC, Alma, Mont.

\$100 Reward.

One hundred dollars reward will be paid for evidence and conviction of parties driving off from their accustomed home range, on headwaters of middle fork of Clear Creek, injuring, killing or unlawfully branding any cattle or horses bearing brand on left shoulder and right side of neck, for horses. I desire the return of all above stock and will pay a fair reward for information leading to recovery. FRED H. SCOTT, Warrick, Montana.

Ranch For Sale.

About 335 acres of land on Arrow creek, at mouth of Coffey creek, about one-half of which is good alfalfa land. Running water through place permanently; open range on both sides. Price \$100 per acre sold within sixty days. J. W. WOODCOCK, Shonkin, Mont.

House For Rent.

A four-roomed house for rent partly furnished, located on upper Franklin street. Apply to

Plymouth Rock Hens.

About 25 good Plymouth Rock hens for sale. Address P. O. Box P., Fort Benton.

Notice of Annual Meeting.

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the River Press Publishing company will be held at the company's office in Fort Benton, Montana, on Monday, December 4, 1911, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of electing a board of trustees to serve for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting.

Notice to Creditors.

In the district court of the Twelfth judicial district of the state of Montana, in and for the county of Chouteau.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, administratrix of the estate of George Hilbig, deceased, to the creditors of and all persons having claims against the said deceased, to exhibit them with the necessary vouchers within four months after the first publication of this notice, at the office of L. L. EDDGWICK, in the city of Fort Benton, county of Chouteau, state of Montana.

Administratrix of the estate of George Hilbig, deceased. Dated November 1, 1911. First publication Nov. 22, 1911.

Notice to Taxpayers.

Office of the county treasurer of Chouteau county, Fort Benton, Montana, October 4, 1911. Notice is hereby given that the taxes on all real and personal property for the year 1911, are now due and payable at the office of B. L. Powers, county treasurer in the county house, city of Fort Benton, Chouteau county, Montana.

If not paid prior to 8 o'clock p. m., November 30, of this year, ten per cent will be added thereto according to law. W. R. LEITZ, County Treasurer.

Notice.

Sealed bids will be received by the board of county commissioners of Chouteau county, Montana, up to the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. on December 4, 1911, for medical attention to the county sick and inmates of the county jail at Fort Benton, Montana, and within a radius of three miles of said place, for the year 1912. Bids to be filed with the county clerk. The board reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

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LEGAL BLANKS.

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RIVER PRESS Fort Benton PUBLIC LAND AND MINING CASES.

If you are interested in any contest or any matter before the Interior Department, write to Clark & Wright, registered land lawyers, 902 F Street N. W. (opposite Gen'l Land Office), Washington, D. C. Free information about contests and where to obtain scrip, locatable upon public lands, without residence or cultivation.

Business in New York of New York Companies in the Year 1910

New York Life Equitable Mutual Life Germania United States Life Manhattan Combined increase for year 1910 of insurance in force \$5,809,469 for six New York companies in their home state

NORTHWESTERN MUTUAL OF MILWAUKEE Increase same time, same state, \$11,674,029

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Notice of Contest. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 1, 1911. Notice is hereby given that HENRY J. DARTT, who gives Flowers, Montana, as his postoffice address, did on December 21, 1910, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry serial No. 09496, made October 25, 1909, for W 1/2 section 28, township 23 north, range 5 east, Montana meridian, and a proffers for his contest the affidavits of you and your improvements and failed to comply with the homestead laws of the United States in that you abandoned said entry and failed to establish your residence or reside thereon.

Notice of Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 17, 1911. Notice is hereby given that ARTHUR C. DAVID, of Lonetree, Montana, who on November 3, 1910, made homestead entry No. 018003, for W 1/2 NE 1/4, W 1/2 SE 1/4 section 31, township 21 north, range 11 east, Montana principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Jeremiah Sullivan, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 4th day of December, 1911.

Notice of Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 17, 1911. Notice is hereby given that SOLON KNOWLES, of Fort Benton, Montana, who on October 8, 1910, made homestead entry serial No. 017065 for W 1/2 NE 1/4, SW 1/4 section 18, township 23 north, range 8 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 5th day of December, 1911.

Notice of Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, October 17, 1911. Notice is hereby given that GEORGE E. DOBERTY, of Carter, Montana, who on January 5, 1910, made homestead entry No. 09234, for SW 1/4 section 28, township 24 north, range 5 east, Montana principal meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Register and Receiver, U. S. land office, at Great Falls, Montana, on the 6th day of December, 1911.

Notice of Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that JOHN T. ISAACSON, heir of Marlan E. Isaacson, deceased, of Virgelle, Montana, who on April 11, 1907, made desert land entry serial No. 0479, for lots 7 and 9, (balance of entry relinquished), SW 1/4, NE 1/4, section 26 north, range 12 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 11th day of December, 1911.

Notice of Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that GLE TYTLANDSVIK, of Loma, Montana, who on November 8, 1910, made homestead entry serial No. 01861, for SE 1/4 section 27, township 25 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 11th day of December, 1911.

Notice of Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that DANIEL DUPUIS, heir of Joseph Dupuis, deceased, of Shonkin, Montana, who on October 15, 1909, made homestead entry No. 3628, for SW 1/4 section 2, NE 1/4, NE 1/4, NW 1/4 section 27, township 21 north, range 9 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final five-year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at his office at Fort Benton, Montana, on 11th day of December, 1911.

Notice of Publication. United States Land Office at Great Falls, Montana, November 3, 1911. Notice is hereby given that JAMES B. WALSH, of Fort Benton, Montana, who on March 24, 1911, made homestead entry No. 02118, for lot 4, section 1, and lots 1 and 5, and SW 1/4 section 2, township 24 north, range 10 east, Montana meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final commutation proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before Chas. H. Boyle, U. S. commissioner, at Fort Benton, Montana, on the 3rd day of December, 1911.

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