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**THANKSGIVING HYMN.**  
We thank Thee, O Father, for all that is  
Thine, and for the day and the stars of the  
firmament, and for the fruits of the  
earth, and for the peace and the joy of  
our lives.

**A COMPETENT MAN.**  
The Bargain Which He Made One  
Thanksgiving Day.  
"I tell you," said Grandfather  
Bythe, "I'm going down his case at the  
end of every word, by way of giving  
proper emphasis to his remarks, 'that  
you shall not marry him!'"

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**"I would give it all up, Freddie, for  
your sake, if I must."**  
Tears sprang to her eyes. She  
looked across to her grandfather's  
meadow, where the men were at work,  
and pointed to them with a look of  
unhappy contentment on her pretty  
face.

**"And be—like them?"**  
"Yes, even like them, or near as  
nature would permit, Freddie—there  
would be a difference, if fancy, even  
then."

**"Max!"** joyfully springing to the  
ground in her excitement—"I have a  
plan to propose to you!" and with  
many interjections and exclamations,  
and much unfeigned laughter, she pro-  
ceeded to unfold its details to Max.  
"Could it have happened at a worse  
time," growled Grandfather Bythe, as  
he contemplated his puffy, green-  
ankled, streaked with yellowish tress—  
a bad sprain that he had got from  
chasing a refractory cow.

"Yes," answered the doctor, a cal-  
low young man, with straight, yellow  
locks, immense goggles, and a profes-  
sional gravity of manner, "this prom-  
ise to be something serious, Mr.  
Bythe."

"And there is the hay ready to cut  
and get in before it rains, and no help  
hardly, and none to be got for love or  
money."

"Grandpa," said a soft voice from  
the other room, "there is a man who is  
looking for work."

"Send him here at once," said the  
old man, forgetting for a moment the  
agonizing twinges of his ankle in his  
anxiety for his hay.

A tall form, with an awkward stoop  
in his shoulders, clad in a long linen  
duster, and surmounted by a head of  
straggling red hair, showed itself at  
the open door.

"Humph!" growled the teary ocu-  
list of the lounge, "so you want  
to be a doctor, do you?"

"Freddie," called the squire, "give  
him something to eat. I suppose he's  
hungry—they always are. And after  
he's fed, show him the way to the  
meadow."

**A WIND RIVER YARN.**  
An Old Hunter's Remarkable Discovery in  
the Mountains of the West.

The summit of one of the loftiest  
peaks overlooking the sources of the  
Green river is ever surrounded by a  
dense mass of vapor. This vapor  
mass, to the uneducated mountain eye,  
means the semblance of a huge, fleecy  
cloud, and as such many a wandering  
traveller has marvelled at the fasci-  
nating beauty of its ever-changing  
forms.

But the vapor is not the vapor of the  
upper air. It comes from the bowels  
of the earth, and though the fact has  
always been known to the Indians of  
the region and the mountain hunters  
and trappers, the place or means of  
the vapor generation has ever been a  
mystery unsolvable. But unsolvable  
is now in the past tense. This moun-  
tain mystery is a mystery no longer.

The vapor source has been discovered  
and the veil of the mountain peak has  
been lifted.

The other day there arrived in Lan-  
der a sturdy specimen of the wild west-  
ern manhood. With hair and beard  
of unkempt luxuriance, a complexion  
upon which the western sun and wind  
had long and deeply impressed their  
dark seal; a form lean, lithe and muscu-  
lar; an eye like a hawk, and grip  
like a grizzly; a weather-stained,  
smoke-tanned, camp-soiled canvas  
suit, and stout but well-worn moccasins;  
this man with the noiseless  
sneak step, courageous front, and  
heart, simple faith and unassuming  
demeanor was the Rocky Mountain  
hunter and trapper—the vainglorious  
American civilization and the knight-  
errant of America's nineteenth century.

It was this hero of close and deadly  
conflict with the royal mountain lion  
and the luscious brain who told in  
simple yet vivid and picturesque lan-  
guage the story of the solving of the  
enigmas of the mountain peak—the  
discovery of the source of the cloud-  
up a narrow and dark passage in the  
mountain valley over his hunter's  
day's travel, and followed it to the foot  
of the obstructing cliff. Here he per-  
ceived a chasm-like cleft in solid rock,  
just where it left the valley wall.

The opening was barely wide  
enough to admit the passage of a  
man, but the mountain adventurer un-  
hesitatingly squeezed himself in.  
On he went through the passage in  
the living rock, and the light flashed  
more brilliant and the heat waves  
more powerful, until when half a mile  
had been traversed there came a great  
rush of hot air, and in a vivid blaze of  
light there burst upon our hunter a  
sight which filled him with awe and a  
shudder as near akin to terror as his  
stout heart could harbor. He stood  
upon the edge of a vast sub-  
terranean geyser field. Far above  
him—dazzling vista—there stretched  
geysers, small in size, but countless in  
number. These threw into the heat-  
charged air constant columns of boil-  
ing water, typed with fire, which  
darted hither and thither among the  
clouds of vapor.

As our adventurer stood upon the  
edge of this extraordinary sub-  
terranean geyser field he speedily real-  
ized that he had reached the end of  
his explorations. The heat was  
insupportable, and he turned upon "Jerk"  
scene, and a quick retreat was de-  
manded. Before he retraced his steps,  
however, he noticed a strong draught  
traversing the hidden geyser-fields,  
and it was apparent these geysers  
were situated under the vapor peak,  
and that in their way was generated the  
vapor which had so long been a mys-  
tery.—Wind River Mountaineer.

**LONDON DOCK LABORERS.**  
Strong Men Who Work Very Hard for Very  
Little Pay.  
The dock laborers of East London  
are rather looked down on by laborers  
in other work. They are a rough  
class of men, upon whom the econo-  
mist frowns and who give the philan-  
thropist plenty of employment for his  
time as well as money.

They toil, when they can get work,  
from six until six, and earn on an av-  
erage about five dollars a week if they  
understand their business and are  
strong and capable. The regular  
hands are paid ten cents an hour, av-  
eraging about seventy cents a day  
throughout the year.

benefit society in sickness and death—  
an interest which he forfeits if he is  
discharged for neglect of work. By  
the irregular hands the permanent  
man is looked upon as an inferior  
foreman and disliked as such, or de-  
spised as a drudge. He, in his turn,  
resents the popular characterization  
of the dock laborer as the "scum of  
the earth."

The only recommendation for em-  
ployment on the docks is physical  
strength. If a sneaky man appeals  
for work who has just come out of jail  
he will be taken on just as quickly as  
the experienced dock laborer. Previ-  
ous good character goes for nothing  
with the employer, save a slight dis-  
count on a salary.

The fact that a man without a char-  
acter can live by dock labor has de-  
cided many a one to choose the evil  
course. But the "chance for life" he  
gets on the docks is sufficient to damn  
him for other work.

The casual workers or ticket men  
are recruited from failures in other  
branches of trade. When the tickets  
are given out there is generally a fight  
for their possession as if life depended  
on it. Jack having secured a ticket  
by a savage fight sells it to needier  
Tom for two pence, and goes off with  
the coppers to drink or to gamble.  
Or if the rush of business forces the  
employer to "clear the gates," many  
of those who on a slack morning  
would be most desperate in their de-  
mand for work will "hook off" after  
they have earned sufficient for a pint  
of beer and pipe of tobacco and a  
night's sleep.

As the day draws on the more re-  
spectable element will disappear,  
while its place will be taken by the  
professional "edger" and dock  
lounger. A gentleman who has lived  
and worked in this district twenty-  
three years estimates the number of  
dock and water-side loungers at two  
thousand. These men would not work  
at any price. They gain their liveli-  
hood by petty theft, by cadging the  
earnings of their working friends,  
by drinking or drinking, and by  
result of the difficulty of obtaining  
regular work and the ease of living  
without it.—Beatrice Potter, in Nineteenth  
Century.

**CHINESE BABIES.**  
Children of the Antipodes as Seen from a  
Bicycle.  
One day when traveling through  
China on my bicycle tour around the  
world, I came upon a very novel and  
interesting sight. It is the first thing  
of the kind I ever saw or heard about.  
My overland journey led me through  
many out-of-the-way districts where  
the people are primitive and curious  
in many respects. In one of these ob-  
scure communities in the foot hills of  
the Man Ling mountains I saw about  
twenty Chinese infants tethered to  
stakes on a patch of green sward, like  
so many goats or pot lambs. The  
length of each baby's tether was about  
ten feet, and the bamboo stakes were  
set far enough apart so that the babies  
would get all tangled up. Each  
baby had a sort of grille or kammer-  
band around its waist, and the end of  
the tethering string was tied to the  
back of this. Some of the little Chinese  
were crawling about on all-fours;  
others were taking their first  
lessons in the feat of standing  
upright by steadying themselves  
against the tethers. Nobody was  
watching them. They were left  
what queer little Chinese mortals they  
all looked to be, sure, picked out on  
the grassland like a lot of young calves  
whose mothers were away for the day!  
In this respect they did, indeed, re-  
semble young calves, for I could see  
the marks of work on their little  
hundred yards away. All the babies  
seemed quite contented with their  
treatment. I stood and looked at them  
for several minutes, from pure amuse-  
ment at their unique position; but  
although they regarded me with wide-  
eyed curiosity, I never heard a whimper  
or cry from any of them. Nobody was  
paying the slightest attention to them,  
and from appearances I should con-  
clude that they were most likely pick-  
ed out in this manner every day while  
their mothers worked in the neighbor-  
ing fields. Very probably these Chinese  
babies soon come to regard their daily  
outing at the stake with the same de-  
gree of satisfaction that very young  
America derives from his perambula-  
tor ride on sunny afternoons in the  
park.—Thomas Stephens, in Babyhood.

**A New Illuminator.**  
"Portable sunlight" is the name  
given to a new illuminant, of which  
a public test has just been made in  
Glasgow. It is obtained by the evap-  
oration of crocote, tar, or other hy-  
drocarbon oils, and it produces an in-  
tense white flame up to 3,000-candle  
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hour per 1,000 candles. The appar-  
atus consists of a steel cylinder for the  
oil, tested up to a pressure of 200  
pounds to the square inch, surrounded  
by a cast-iron jacket to prevent con-  
densation, and the vapor is raised by  
the slow combustion of a coke fire  
placed underneath. From the cylinder  
the vapor is carried through a tube to  
the combustion-box on the top, into  
which air is introduced in the propor-  
tion necessary for proper combustion,  
with the result that a dazzling light is  
produced.—Science.

—There is a difference of opinion  
among poultryers as to the advan-  
tability of the new Massachusetts law  
passed in March last, allowing dealers  
to sell poultry with heads on and un-  
drawn, provided there is no food in  
the crop. Few buyers know of the  
new enactment, and complain accord-  
ingly. Previous to that time the law  
required headless and drawn birds.  
The present law is considered a very  
silly one among some dealers. One  
thing to bring about the present law  
was the methods employed by the  
huckster element, who bought their  
birds alive and stuffed their crops, so  
the birds weigh heavy. The fine for  
violation of the law is five dollars a  
bird, consequently attempts to get  
around the act are rare.—Boston  
Budget.

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