

MINN'S THANKSGIVING

She Had Something Important on Her Mind.

By DONALD ALLEN.

"If I was a girl I wouldn't go walking too far," said old Uncle Robert as a girl of 20 passed him on her way down to the gate of the farmhouse.

"And why not?" she asked as she almost came to a pause.

"Well, according to my ideas, it's going to rain and snow and blow and hail, and when the storm does break she's going to be a buster. You live in the city and don't know anything about the storms we have out here. I've seen it when we didn't have a train along for four straight days."

"I wanted to go to the postoffice to mail a letter."

"It's three miles there and back, and if I was you I'd put it off. Maybe somebody'll be passing that you can send by. To-morrow's Thanksgiving you know, and we are going to have the awfulest, biggest, nicest dinner anybody ever set down to. It's in your honor, you know. There'll be a turkey, a duck and a chicken; there'll be cranberry sass, pumpkin pies, currant jell, sweet cider and apple dumplings; there'll be—"

"I think I'll just walk a little ways, anyhow," said the girl as she opened the gate and passed down the highway towards the village and the railroad depot.

"And if you come home as wet as a hen don't say I didn't warn ye. It's going to come, and it's going to be a buster."

Half an hour later, a middle-aged woman, with a motherly face and voice came out on the steps and asked:

"Pa, do you reckon it's goin' to storm?"

"Sure as ducks."

"Where's Minnie?"

"Oh, she's gone for a starter. I give her warning. What's she wantin' to mail a letter for? I hain't mailed a letter nor got one in 20



"I Think I'll Just Walk a Little Ways."

years, and I guess I'm about as well off as most folks. I was going to ask her but forgot it."

"Don't you ask her a word about it," cautioned the wife as she came down to him. "I guess Minnie's got something on her mind, but it hain't none of your business. I reckon she'll tell me when she gets ready. Leastwise, I hain't goin' to do any pumping."

"Something on her mind, eh? That's funny. Didn't know that girls ever had anything on their minds except new clothes. Is that why she come visitin' us all of a sudden?"

"None of your business! I guess my own sister's daughter can come and see me any time she takes a notion, and that without writin' ahead. What's on her mind, as nigh as I can make out, is about a young man. If I don't tell you you'll worry the shirt off your back. Pa, you've got to be as poky as an old maid. You can't see a pillar-case flopping on the clothes line but what you want to know all about it. Yes; it's about a young man. They are engaged, and they've had a falling out, and she's sorter run away from him to find out if he really cares for her."

"And she's got scared about it and has written him a letter to tell where she is?" queried the husband. "Go on! It's probably a letter to her ma, though I didn't see it nor ask. I hope she didn't start for town. It's going to storm for sure, and there hain't but one house on the road where she could find shelter. Look down the road and see if you can see her."

"Can't see hide nor hair of any girl," reported Uncle Robert after going out to the highway and taking a look.

An hour later, with both uncle and aunt fidgeting about their girl visitor, the black clouds that had been banking up for hours began to advance before a breeze that soon strengthened into a gale. In five minutes the gray afternoon had become twilight. In 15 there was cold rain and lively hail, and Uncle Robert was blown into the kitchen to exclaim:

"I told her it was going to be a buster, and that she mustn't blame me. I started down the road to meet her, but Lordy what a storm! I couldn't get 10 rods if I was to die for it!"

Miss Minnie had reached town and mailed her letter and started back again when the storm broke. Before it came she thought she could make out a human figure on the road ahead of her, but wasn't sure. The very first gust picked her up and turned her around and deposited her under a roadside tree. She remained there until the gale began to whip the branches off, and then let go her hold and ran for it. There were limbs falling all about her, and the hailstones peppered her until she ran almost blindly. She hadn't gone a quarter of a mile when, as she crouched and covered her face, she was struck by a flying limb and knew no more.

It was the dim sight of the girl and the scream she uttered when hit, that sent the man who was clinging to the roadside fence back into the highway. He bent over the unconscious form and picked it up and staggered back to the fence and followed it until he saw a light and found the gate of a farmhouse. His lusty calls for help soon brought out a man, and the senseless burden was carried into the house and received by a woman.

"I don't know who she is, but I found her in the road," explained her rescuer. "There is blood on her hair, and I think she was struck down."

"We'll do all we can," replied the man and woman together, "but you mustn't look for much. We are mighty poor folks. We hain't got no camphor nor whisky, and as for getting a doctor out from town—it can't be done to-night."

The girl was carried into the only bedroom and laid on the only bed, and when her wet clothing had been removed and she was between the sheets, the woman got a cloth and a basin of water and washed away the blood and whispered to the stranger:

"I don't think she's bad hurt. She's just fainted away with the scare of it. When she opens her eyes I'll tell her to go to sleep, and she'll be all right in the morning."

"Do you think it's some young lady from the village?" asked the stranger of the farmer as they talked in whispers in the outer room.

"No, I don't reckon so. I reckon it's that new girl that arrived at Turner's a few days ago. I saw her going towards the village two hours ago."

"Arrived at Turner's! Say, man, are you sure? Is it a strange girl to the neighborhood?"

"I've heard say it was Uncle Bob's niece, and that she come from the city. What ails you, stranger? Does this storm upset you?"

It wasn't the storm. Percy Kincaid had quarrelled with the girl he loved and had asked to be his wife. It was about nothing, almost, as most lovers' quarrels are, but pride on either side held off a reconciliation until the lover finally learned that Miss Minnie had gone on a journey and left no word for him. She was going to spend Thanksgiving week in the country. Within two days she had relented; within three he was making every effort to locate her, that he might patch up a peace. He had succeeded. He was going to throw himself on her mercy and ask Uncle Robert for a place at his Thanksgiving table.

The storm grew fiercer as the night advanced. The girl woke and then slept a dreamless sleep, and the lover had long hours in which to ponder and think. When another day came even the cattle could not face the storm nor man move from his door. It was Thanksgiving day. At Uncle Robert's there was a feast to be spread; at Bradley's there was hardly better than poorhouse fare. But the victim of the accident was no longer in bed, and the rescuer no longer cared about the weather, and the farmer-folks looked at each other and smiled and whispered:

"Even if we had turkey and cranberry sauce I don't believe they'd eat a single mouthful. They've just sorter found each other, and are tickled to death."

And when at last they could make their way to Turner's and Uncle Bob stuttered and Aunt Harriet cried for joy, Miss Minnie asked in a way that was almost heartless:

"Why do you take on so? I never had such a lovely Thanksgiving in all my life!"

Erosion Losses.

In thirty-five years England has lost 5,640 acres by erosion, but this has been more than made up by the new land which has formed during that time.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS

Zither Congress at Washington.

The first musical organization of its kind in the United States, to be known as the North American Zither Players' association, and later changed to the name "The American Zither Verband," was launched at the beautiful Schwarzer Park in Washington recently. Ten states were represented, and delegates came from all parts of the country. Hermann C. Grohe was the temporary chairman, and Edw. G. Busch of the Washington Commercial club made the address of welcome. A permanent organization was effected with A. W. Schepp, of Kansas City, president and F. W. Mehl, also of Kansas City, secretary. The next meeting will be held at Davenport, Ia., in 1913, but the exact date will be selected by the officers.

May Extend Line.

The Saline Valley extension of the Cape Girardeau, Chester and Western railway was completed to the city limits and the first train ran into Farmington over the new line. From Farmington, Louis Houck, the owner of the new road, proposes to extend it north toward St. Louis.

First Ride on Train at 89.

Mrs. Amanda Stotts, 89 years old, of Stotts City, took her first ride on a train. Expectations of "seasickness" on the part of the aged woman failed to materialize, but when she reached Joplin from Stotts City, her first exclamation was, "I'm glad the first part's over with."

Violated Text Book Law?

A test of the statutes governing prices that shall be charged for school books will result from the arrest at Joplin of T. W. Osterloh and J. W. King, book dealers, who are alleged to have charged more than specified by law. The dealers are to be given hearings on September 13.

School of Mines Open.

The school of mines and metallurgy of the University of Missouri at Rolla opened its 41st year. The enrollment of new students is more than one-third over what it was last year, and the indications are that the freshman class will be the largest in the history of the institution.

Boy Slayers Paroled.

John Farley, aged 11, and John Heimbarger, aged 12, who killed Joey Timmerman, aged 4, three weeks ago at Kansas City were paroled. They were placed under the guardianship of a probation officer and will be sent to a private school.

Horse Plague in Missouri.

Meningitis among horses which has killed 6,000 horses in Kansas, has broken out in Missouri, according to reports just received. Three deaths have been reported in Nodaway county and several other horses are believed to have the disease.

Fly Plague in Johnson.

A plague of flies is sweeping Johnson county, and the suffering of animals is such that it is rapidly rendering them useless. Many dairymen have lost the entire product of their herds on account of the cows, fretted by the flies, growing poor and dry.

Accidentally Kills Mother.

Mrs. August Sander, living near Jackson died from a wound accidentally inflicted. Her grown son was trying to fix something on his rifle when the gun was discharged, the ball striking his mother in the side.

Hannibal Fireman Killed.

William Warren, 26 years old, a railroad fireman, was found dead on the St. Louis & Hannibal railway tracks at Hannibal.

Gets Change of Venue.

On the ground that the citizens of Hollister are prejudiced and that he could not get a fair hearing, E. T. Dickens, the Branson blacksmith who is charged with stabbing to death August Dorste in the latter's blacksmith shop at Hollister two weeks ago, was granted a change of venue to Branson.

Slain in a Melon Patch.

Andrew Amba, the young man who was shot by William Grotguth, a farmer who discovered him in his watermelon patch near Palmyra, is dead. Grotguth, who was out on bond, was immediately arrested. The dead man was a brakeman on the Hannibal & St. Joseph road.

One Dead in Train Wreck.

J. E. Johnson of St. Joseph, a brakeman, was killed; G. L. Williamson, a brakeman, fatally hurt, and five other trainmen were seriously injured when a St. Joseph & Grand Island eastbound stock train ran into the rear end of a local freight train at Troy, Kan., 17 miles west of St. Joseph.

FOREIGN BELIEFS ARE QUEER

Spanish Wedding is Ruined if One Person Appears Entirely in Black—Some Other Signs.

In Spain the wedding is spoiled if one of the guests appears entirely in black, or if the bride looks into a mirror after orange blossoms and veil are fast in her headdress.

When a person's hair ends split, it's taken by the superstitious for a sign that she is either a witch or has been bewitched. As blond hair splits more readily than dark hair, all witches, spirits and sorceresses have blond or red hair, according to popular belief. Likewise, according to the standard of art.

On the marriage eve there is often much good-natured rivalry between the groom and the bride in the Slav countries as to who shall blow out the candle, for the person who does will be "first to die." It is impossible to trace the origin of this superstition, yet it prevails in aristocratic society as well as in the peasant's hut, even as like this, that "to insure the life and health of the children" the woman must occupy the right side of the bed. In addition, she must not smoke before her forty-fifth year.

There is a superstition in this country and many others against burning a broom. The bud of birch broom is used in Southern Germany as a preventive against erysipelas. These buds, a piece of yellow wax and some other articles are enclosed in a pink silk bag, secured with red silk and worn on the back of the neck. The person must change his shirt every Friday.

A Pen and Ink Shakespeare.

Woodrow Wilson, on a recent visit to Atlantic City, referred good humorously to his rather illegible handwriting.

"But my hand is nothing," he said, "to that of Horace Greeley."

"Poor Greeley once quoted from Shakespeare in a leading article, 'Tis true, 'tis pity, and pity 'tis, 'tis true.'"

"This appeared the next day: 'Tis two, 'tis fifty, 'tis fifty, 'tis fifty-two.'"

American Tools Preferred.

A favorite sport in New Zealand, as also in Australia and Tasmania, is competition in wood chopping and sawing; and in these contests, which attract a great deal of interest, the championships are always won through the use of American tools. In fact, the expert woodsman working for a prize would never think of using any other kind of tools.

Minor Bookkeeping Item.

A small item was overlooked in the bookkeeping department of the United States navy. It was the charge for guns installed on the battleships Florida and Utah. The item was for the trifling sum of \$1,800,000.

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YOUNG WIFE SAVED FROM HOSPITAL

Tells How Sick She Was And What Saved Her From An Operation.

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keeping. I was not feeling well and could hardly drag myself along. I had such tired feelings, my back ached, my sides ached, I had bladder trouble awfully bad, and I could not eat or sleep. I had headaches, too, and became almost a nervous wreck. My doctor told me to go to a hospital. I did not like that idea very well, so, when I saw your advertisement in a paper, I wrote to you for advice, and have done as you told me. I have taken Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and Liver Pills, and now I have my health.

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A WONDERFUL DISCOVERY.

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