

THE TURKEY'S DOWNFALL.



HERE'S a melancholy gobbler from the coop Where the turkey is now forced to humbly stoop, And the feathers oft uplifted By the bird that seemed so gifted On the floor of his small prison sadly droop.

An appealing look is noticed in his eye As he meekly gazes at each passerby. Little time he spends in pecking, For he's often rubbernecking, Vainly hoping that some rescuer is nigh.

Now and then he stands with eyelids tightly closed, But the turkey isn't sleeping, as supposed, For instead of calmly snoozing He most mournfully is musing O'er his downfall since upon the roost he dozed.

And he thinks of how he used to strut about, With his tail and other feathers all spread out, But he now is sorely humbled, For from heights of pride he tumbled, And no more he'll see the drakes and roosters pout.

'Tis a change that he must sadly contemplate From a barnyard to a coop so low and straight; In his prison he is quaking, And with dread he's often shaking As he thinks of his approaching cruel fate.

This once haughty bird is in a woeful plight, And it's useless now to think of stealthy flight, For the weapon of destruction Has been whetted for the ruction, And the humbled turkey's finish is in sight. —Pittsburg Chronicle-Telegraph.

A THANKSGIVING MENU.

That the Good Housewife May Modify or Elaborate.

- Raw Oysters.
- Cream of Cauliflower Soup.
- Creamed Lobster. Hot Crackers.
- Roast Turkey, Cranberry Sauce.
- Potatoes a la Duchesse. Spinach.
- Broiled Quail. Celery.
- Sweet Potato Croquettes.
- Lettuce Salad with Mayonnaise.
- Cheese. Crackers. Olives.
- Pumpkin Pie.
- Fruit.
- Coffee.

A plain but very substantial and satisfactory dinner may be arranged according to this menu:

- Chicken Soup.
- Roast Turkey without Stuffing, Jelly Sauce.
- Boiled Sweet Potatoes. Slaw.
- Chicken Salad. Celery and Grated Cheese.
- Hot Crisped Crackers.
- Pumpkin Pie. Fresh Fruit.
- Coffee.

Turkey without stuffing is an innovation slow to win the approval of conservative housewives, but it is claimed by the best authorities on cookery that turkey, like game, should never be stuffed if its finest flavor is to be preserved. Dress as usual and place a large spoonful of butter upon the breast. Put in a very hot oven for thirty minutes that the outside may sear over at once and retain the juice. Diminish the heat and baste often with the butter and fat that cooks from the fowl, allowing twenty minutes' cooking to each pound of turkey, not counting the first half hour. Should it be necessary to turn the turkey while cooking use a towel. Never stick it with a fork or allow the juice to escape. Sprinkle with salt when nearly done.

For the gravy put the gizzard, heart and liver on the fire in a quart of water and cook until tender; then remove and chop finely. When the turkey is done, remove it to the serving dish, pour all but a tablespoonful of fat from the pan, add a tablespoonful of flour and cook for three minutes; then add the water in which the giblets were cooked, of which there should be a pint. If less, add water, stir until smooth and add the chopped giblets. Serve in a gravy boat.

What the Wishbone Said,
I cannot, cannot thankful be;
Don't ask me to, I beg,
Thanksgiving never comes but, see,
Some fellow pulls my leg!

THANKSGIVING DINNER.

How the Good Housewife Prepared It in Olden Times.

Thanksgiving dinner in the olden times made unusual demands even upon the most efficient housewife, and the serving of a dinner to a family party of from twenty-five to fifty persons in a large kitchen of the old fashioned farmhouse was no light task for the mistress. But the result was worth all the trouble entailed in the getting up of such a dinner, and the recollection of the roast turkey, chicken pie, baked Indian and rice puddings, pumpkin and mince pies baked in the old fashioned brick oven, with the other accessories of the Thanksgiving dinner, has proved powerful enough to bring back year after year to such a homestead the sons and daughters, the grandchildren, the aunts, uncles and cousins who had gone forth from it to enter into the larger life of the great cities. The brick oven has practically disappeared, but the culinary skill of the New England housewife has not, and Thanksgiving dinner is much the same as of old. Even city folks who prefer a course dinner 364 days in the year really welcome a return on Thanksgiving to the older style of serving dinner, and it is this way which generally prevails on this day.

A Day of Reunions.

Thanksgiving is a great day for family reunions and great dinners, where roast turkey, pumpkin pie and the like are always to be expected. Boys and girls anticipate the coming and welcome it with delight, for who in all the wide world has more to be thankful for than have the young folks of America?

STATE NEWS.

The cold of Sunday and Monday mornings has killed nearly all of the sugar cane seed in Alachua county which has not been housed or otherwise cared for.

Miss Elizabeth Pasco, daughter of ex-Senator Samuel Pasco, and Rev. John C. Tims, Presbyterian pastor of the Lake City church, were married at Monticello last week.

Mr. J. H. Hogan, went out among his stock the other day and had a very rare experience. His dog jumped a deer and it ran so close to John that he killed it with a lightwood knot.—Perry Herald.

St. Petersburg is preparing for her annual mid-winter fair. The sub-peninsular people are of the up-to-date kind and never fail to present an attractive exhibit of the resources of that section.—Gainesville Sun.

Editor Stovall of the Tribune thinks Senator Mallory will be "shelved." Evidently the Senator's promise to aid St. Petersburg people in obtaining deep water did not take well with the Tampa editor.—Gainesville Sun.

Rev. Lin R. Walker, of Talladega, Ala., has been called as pastor of the Pensacola Presbyterian Church. He gets the manse free and \$1,500 per year, which is said to be a material increase over what is now being received by Mr. Walker.

A prominent citizen of Lake county, who has given the subject much thought, and taken no end of pains to find out what there is in the "indications," says oil in paying quantities will be found in Florida in less than six months.—Leesburg Commercial.

The many friends throughout Florida of Hon. C. B. Collins, late State Treasurer, will be gratified to learn that he is rapidly recuperating an impaired health. Mr. Collins is devoting considerable of his time to newspaper and magazine work and raising oranges as a side issue on his beautiful place at Dunedin.—Tampa Tribune.

It is whispered that J. M. Barrs, of Jacksonville, of "me and Blackstone" fame, will measure strength with Bob Davis for Congressional honors next year. We have a vague, sneaking notion that when the time fetches up "me and Blackstone" will let down the bar(r)s and Davis will get in again.—Palatka Advertiser.

The census of 1900 shows the percentage of illiteracy in Florida to be only 8.4, Mississippi ranking first with 8.2, Other Southern States are: Texas, 8.6; Arkansas, 10.1; Georgia, 11.7; West Virginia, 11.9; Virginia, 12.1; South Carolina, 12.2; Alabama, 13.6; Kentucky, 14.0; Tennessee, 14.0; Louisiana, 18.0; North Carolina, 18.8.

The \$20,000 still in the hands of the Jacksonville Relief Committee will not be divided among the charitable institutions of the city as had been proposed. At a meeting of the Relief Committee this week it was shown that there are still 439 persons on the list who require assistance and it was accordingly decided that the funds in hand should be used for the benefit of these really needy persons.

The Cedar Key Fish Curing Company is building up quite a business at this point in its splendid salt fish. It is now shipping all over the State and to Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, and Western points salt pompano, mackerel and silver mul-

let. They pack in pails, quart, half and whole barrels, with great care, and their product has become exceedingly popular wherever introduced.—St. Petersburg Sun.

The Lee Square Oil Company struck oil to-day, and on top of Palatka Hill. A number of progressive citizens began this morning the daily work of sprinkling street, between Cervantes and Jackson, with oil imported from Texas, for the purpose of getting rid of the clouds of dust in that vicinity. The oil is in its most crude form and emits a nauseating odor, but which, said one of the members to-day, is the lesser of the two extremes, the dust being the greater.—Pensacola News, 19th.

In England sheep are fattened on Turnips and English mutton is classed the best in the world. In Florida sheep thrive in all of the prairies and flat wood regions, and turnips grow here equal to any portion of the United States. Why can't Florida farmers and stock men make a note of these facts and produce a distinct quality of Florida mutton that would have special attractions for the large army of tourists and visitors that visit the state each winter.—Orlando Record.

Estimates taken from the record in the city clerk's office shows that the death rate in this city for the fiscal year ending Oct. 1, 1901, was only four-fifths of one per cent. out of a population of 4,500. This is, indeed, a very fine showing, and very few cities of an equal population can make such a good one. The truth of the business is, instead of 4,500 population, we have more than 5,000, and should we have made the estimate on 5,000 the rate would have been even lower. For health we have one of the best sections in the State.—Lake City Index.

To-day Rev. J. B. Ley and his brother, Rev. E. F. Ley, who is secretary of the board of trustees of the Florida Conference College, will go to Sutherland to attend a mass meeting of the trustees and citizens in the interest of the location of that college. A fine offer has been made of a \$75,000 property there at a nominal price, and the money to buy it has already been subscribed by citizens of the place. The trustees will investigate the merits of the situation and be ready to give a report to the annual conference, which will meet at Live Oak next month.—Tampa Tribune, 19th.

Florida has inducements to settlers who locate alive, but she has an oversupply of people who come expecting heaven, and so bring their own special hades along with them, in the way of unreasonable expectations. Florida is crude in many ways, and it is difficult to understand why otherwise intelligent people change and come into a new country expecting the same conditions that exist where they came from. The man or woman who comes to Florida prepared to accept and make the best of everything—taking life as it comes, smiling in the face of the inevitable, using his or her taste, judgment and experience in setting an example of what may be gotten out of life under limitations, becomes a gospel of progress that will do more to bring about desirable conditions than all other preaching. You can't fret a fume people into improvement, nor nag them into your way of thinking, but you can prove to them by actual demonstration that your way is best, if it is.—Bartow Courier-Journal.

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