



THE people of the United States celebrate Thanksgiving day with more and more accord every year. Indeed, one might say they have more and more reason.

The fathers of New England, hemmed in between a wilderness and the sea, watched their doubtful crops in anxious memories of other years of famine. When they found that once more there was fish enough and pork enough and corn and beans and pumpkins and squashes and turnips enough to carry them through the winter they met to thank God, knowing full well how many hazards they had passed through, for those days as compared with today were days of pinching poverty. The New England historian, Dr. Palfrey, says, with a certain dryness, which shows probably some personal preferences, "Baked beans point to the time when it was desirable to make the most of the commonest vegetable by favoring it with the flesh of the commonest animal."

All this is happily changed. For the world, indeed, the old peril of famine is well nigh forgotten. And why? The American of today gives thanks that famine is well nigh impossible.

First of all, he remembers that he is no longer dependent on the crops of a few hundred square miles or the fishing voyage of a single summer. Thanks to the providence of God as he has worked in history and to the work of brave men who believed they were children of God, the petty colonies which were thus described are now one nation. Of that nation the meeziest citizen, the most foolish, the weakest and the poorest, has every right and privilege before the law which belongs to the strongest, the richest and the wisest, though he were born in the purple of luxury. To the widow's son of the poorest citizen of that nation, then, there will come his daily bread in answer to his daily prayer, though it come from the milling of California wheat or be the salmon caught at the falls of the Spokane, without let or hindrance from any power of earth. If there is food in plenty in one region, as by the fall of an avalanche down a mountain, it will certainly seek consumption in another region. And this the American boy and girl owe to the good Providence and to the brave men who made this country one and have kept it one.

If it is too much the blindness of our time to speak as if such a simple business as daily food came to us as a matter of course. There is, indeed, a careless habit in which Americans often speak, as if, because they are Americans, they have everything without so much as asking for it. Fourth of July excitors and street corner braggarts alike talk of the natural products of this country almost in the tone of the emigrants who expect to pick up a dollar upon the sidewalk. One is tempted to ask such braggarts why the country did not produce such wealth 100 years ago or 200 years ago. Why was Dakota then a desert? Why were the hills of Alabama only a hiding place for a few thousand Creek Indians? Why did they not forge the iron under their feet? Why did not the Iroquois in western New York pick from their trees the peaches and the pears such as have been growing there this autumn?

The answer is this: All the wealth of America comes to her from the work of her men and women. The victory which yields it is their victory. It is the victory of spirit conquering matter. It comes in the daily miracle of daily life, where children of God, led by God, taught by God, alive in his life and fellow workmen with him, carry out his designs and subdue the earth. It is neither sensible nor grateful to speak of teeming granaries, of increasing trade, of new mines, of oil, of iron or of gas as if these things were wealth in themselves. They are only wealth when man strikes the rock and its waters flow. And this man must be not the savage man who cares only for his own personal appetite. It must be man, the child of God, seeking a future better than today, determined to bring in a nobler age than that which he lives in.

It is just and proper that all people should consider the source from whence our happiness has come and set apart a day on which to return thanks unto God for the goodness with which our country has been blessed.

After the Dinner.
The after dinner amusements can be of the sportive kind, suitable to the day. There might be potato races, each potato being carried on a spoon; guessing the number and weight of potatoes concealed in a heavy canvas bag or seeing who could grab up the greatest number of potatoes from a barrel in a given time on the end of a stick and carry them to a basket at the other end of the room.



CELEBRATION of Thanksgiving day seems to center around the dinner table. What a glorious sight it is on this purely American holiday to see the members of the family from far and near reunite on this occasion!

As the early celebrations were necessarily simple, it is more in keeping with the event to include in the menu dishes suggestive of those partaken of in olden times. If you have any old dishes or pewter ware use them on this day.

As the family group includes both old and young plan your entertainment so as to be equally enjoyable for all ages. If cost is a consideration you can make your table appear very attractive by keeping in mind the old fashioned and hearty simplicity of bygone days.

For a table that is very appropriate for an "only family" reunion a founce of decorative crepe paper showing a country scene with his majesty the turkey strutting about is attached to the table cover by means of a rope of twisted paper in autumn coloring of red and yellow. Place a fruit basket in the center of the table. Seasonable vegetables may also be combined with the fruit with very good effect.

If you do not possess an artistic basket you can make quaint shaped ones by covering matboard with twisted green or brown rope crepe paper and pasting one row after another to the basket shape.

The candle shades are covered in grape designed crepe paper with a fringe of green fringed paper. The little ice cups can be made similar to the big basket and are trimmed with small clusters of grapes.

Artificial bonbon cups are similar in design to the ice cups with small gobblers pasted on the sides. The turkeys which ornament the place cards can be painted on cardboard or cut out of a paper napkin and mounted on the cardboard. If you secure small pictures of your guests they could find their places in that manner.

A vegetable basket for each place is easily made. Carrots, radishes, potatoes or any vegetable may be used. You can make the legs of matches and the eyes of beads. Around the neck tie a card with a merry jingle written out in expressing a sentiment why you are thankful that each guest is present and welcome.

Raisin men with marshmallow hats and cloves for feet are also cunning favors for the table.

If you are planning games for after the feast, much sport can be derived out of old time amusements of Thanksgiving character. An old fashioned taffy pull would give pleasure to those of different ages. Or have a contest to see who can string the longest chain of cranberries within a stated time.

Another clever way to decorate a table is to have a centerpiece of wheat standing in the center of the table. Around the wheat could be scattered grains of corn; little papier mache turkeys could be placed as if they were eating the corn.

Spinning wheels cut out of cardboard could be at each place. Names should be written in old English.

As the Indians figured so conspicuously in the early Thanksgiving days, how would it be to have the waitress dressed as an Indian squaw?—Pittsburgh Press.

A GLAD THANKSGIVING.
WISELY and well in earlier times
This happy day was chosen
That, though the earth grow stiff and bare,
Our hearts might not be frozen;
That fall by fall and year by year
Kind words know no declining;
The wilder storm, the warmer cheer
Where light of love is shining.
Oh, let us hold unruffled still
The pure peace of believing;
The clear, rich anthem of our praise
Be free from notes of grieving!
In sweet, serene and thankful hearts
Lies all the joy of living.
Lift pure and strong your choral song
And make a glad Thanksgiving.

MORRICE
Legal proceedings were started last week by the Grand Trunk R. R. against the F. M. Towner Elevator Co., when Sheriff Griffin and Deputy Geo. Herick accompanied by Attorney Richards attached the grain, beans, seeds, flour and feed, and fixtures, and an automobile of the F. M. Towner Co., the appraisers placing the value at about \$2800. Several farmers having accounts with the company are wondering what the outcome will be—Three Morrice men were injured in the Reo factory at Lansing last week. Leo Courtney had his foot hurt, Dustin Morrice had a finger smashed, and W. O. Morris was struck in the face by a board, and the injury has developed into erysipelas, and he is in a serious condition.

LANSINGBURG.
Mrs Enretta Morgan has returned home from Chicago, where she spent eleven weeks with her son and family—Mrs Thomas Nadal and three children of Olivet, have been spending a few days at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs J V D Wyckoff—Mrs Bernice Lee is spending a few days with relatives at Lansing—Mrs Bender of Chicago, was called here last week by the serious of her mother, Mrs J Robrabacher—Paul Green has rented his farm to Charles Davis, and is preparing to move with his family to Lansing—Mrs A M Adams of Lansing, visited at the home of her sister, Mrs Georgia Simpson, over Sunday—Mrs Wilmot Berry and daughter Virginia, have returned home after spending several weeks in Chicago. They were accompanied by Mr. Berry who remained over Sunday—Mrs R H Bravender entertained her mother from Stockbridge over Sunday—Mrs Alba Elliott arrived here Saturday evening to spend some time at the home of her mother, Mrs Ellen Austin, and other relatives—Mrs Alfred Wright has been quite sick with pleuro-pneumonia for a few days—Mr and Mrs Sylvester Brown and Mr and Mrs Lester Benjamin of Webberville, were guests of Mr and Mrs John Sweet Sunday—Mr and Mrs F M Towner of Morrice, visited in the A Kennedy home Sunday—Chas Brownell of St. Charles, visited in the G N Albright home over Sunday. He was accompanied home by Mrs Brownell and children who had been visiting here for two weeks. The many friends of Mr. Brownell will be pleased to know that he has been appointed Deputy Register of Deeds of Saginaw county, and will soon move to Saginaw—The funeral of Mrs Edward Byrnes was held at St. Isadore's Catholic church Saturday morning.

Jolly Fifteen.
The Jolly Fifteen met Friday afternoon with Mrs. D. G. Warner.

At the usual hour the president called the meeting to order and the club sang America.

Owing to the shortness of the afternoon and a lengthy business meeting the program was carried over.

The balancing fete conducted by Mrs. Warner caused plenty of amusement. Messrs. Spitzer and Horton were awarded the sovereigns.

The hostess served light refreshments. The club gave a rising vote of thanks and adjourned for three weeks.

The next meeting will be held at Sunny Bank, the home of Mrs. Pierce. All members will please be present as several tabled subjects will be discussed.

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W. J. Melchers was in Detroit, Thursday, on business for the Union Telephone Co.

Mrs. Harold Telfer was hostess at a six o'clock dinner at her home north of this city Friday evening.

ORDINANCE.

An Ordinance amending Section 27 of an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance regulating vehicles in and traffic on the streets, highways and public places in the City of Owosso, and to prescribe a penalty for violation thereof," passed and approved May 15, 1916.

The City of Owosso Ordinance:
Section 1. That Section 27 of an ordinance entitled, "An Ordinance regulating vehicles in and traffic on the streets, highways and public places in the City of Owosso, and to prescribe a penalty for violation thereof," passed and approved May 15, 1916, be and the same is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sect. 27. Every motor vehicle operated and driven on any of the public highways in the City of Owosso shall be provided with adequate brakes sufficient to control the vehicle at all times, and a suitable and adequate bell, horn, or other device for signaling and shall during the period of from one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise display at least one lighted lamp on the front and one on the rear of such vehicle, which shall also display a red light visible from the rear. The white rays of said such rear lamp shall shine upon the number plate carried upon the rear of such vehicle. The light from the front lamp shall be visible at least 200 feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle is proceeding. The light from the rear lamp shall be visible at least 100 feet to the rear of said vehicle, and such rear lamp shall be kept reasonably clean so as not to interfere with the throwing of the light from the same. Every motor vehicle shall be provided and equipped with some practical and efficient device or device, which by the forward light or lights of such vehicle may be dimmed or lessened to such an extent that such light will not interfere with the sight nor temporarily blind the vision of the driver of an approaching vehicle or pedestrian; and it shall be the duty of every chauffeur or driver of such motor vehicle or other vehicle equipped with such light or lights to use such dimmers to the forward light or lights of the vehicle being driven by him and cause such light or lights to be dimmed and lessened so as not to interfere with the sight or temporarily blind the vision of the driver of any approaching vehicle and shall apply such dimmer to the forward light or lights of the vehicle being driven by him and cause such light or lights to be dimmed and lessened at all times while said vehicle is operating upon the paved streets of the City of Owosso. Provided, that motor bicycles or motorcycles shall be required to display during the time above mentioned but one lighted lamp in the front of such vehicle, the rays of which shall be visible 100 feet in the direction in which the motor vehicle is proceeding and one lighted lamp in the rear, the light from which shall be visible at least 100 feet to the rear of such vehicle and provided further that all bicycles shall be required to display during the time above mentioned one lighted lamp in the front of said bicycle, the rays of which shall be visible 100 feet in the direction in which said bicycle is proceeding; also with an adequate bell.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall take effect 20 days after its adoption and publication. Passed and approved November 20th, 1916.

JAMES DEYOUNG, Mayor.
ARTHUR H. DUMOND, City Clerk.

Probate Order.

State of Michigan, The Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee.

At a session of the Probate Court for said County, held at the Probate office in the City of Corunna, on the 18th day of December, in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Fred Miller, deceased.

The Administratrix of said estate having rendered a final account to this Court. It is ordered, that the 18th day of December next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate office, be appointed for examining and allowing said account.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to the said day of hearing, in the Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

MATTHEW BUSH, Judge of Probate.
By CLARABEL GALLOWAY, Probate Register.

Order of Publication.

At a session of the Probate Court for the County of Shiawassee, held at the Probate Office in the City of Corunna, on the 17th day of November in the year one thousand nine hundred and sixteen.

Present, Matthew Bush, Judge of Probate. In the matter of the estate of Susan S. Hall a mentally incompetent person.

On reading and filing the petition of Emory Simpson, praying for the appointment of a guardian over her person and estate. It is ordered, that the 18th day of December next at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said Probate Office, be appointed for hearing said petition.

And it is further ordered, that a copy of this order be published three successive weeks previous to said day of hearing, in the Owosso Times, a newspaper printed and circulating in said County of Shiawassee.

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