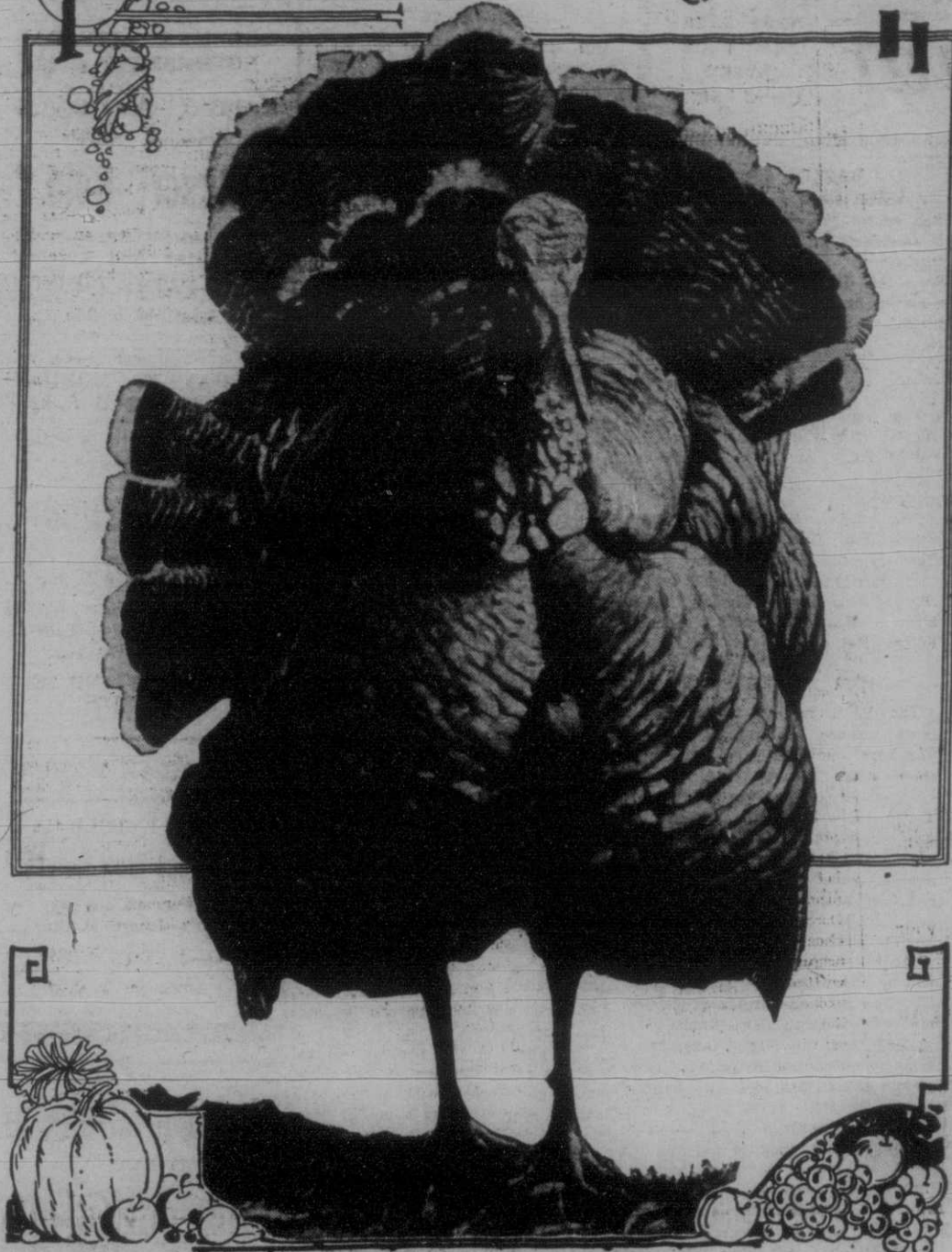


Thanksgiving, 1926



THE festival of harvest time is upon us. We are anticipating the good fellowship and the prospect of the happy reunions which are accompaniments of this annual celebration. Perhaps, then, it will not be amiss if we dwell a little upon the deeper significance of Thanksgiving.

It is always an interesting adventure and often profitable to trace a word back to its derivation, and a very cursory research with the aid of a dictionary will reveal to us the suggestive fact that the words "thanks" and "thank" have a common origin. The former, indeed, is an obsolete form of the latter, and required only in course of time and usage its special significance of pleased or grateful thinking.

With this in mind we may turn to a passage in the letter which Paul wrote to the Christians in Philippi of Macedonia—a letter which is keyed to a high note of spiritual rejoicing and breathes throughout the gladness which should mark the life attuned to the purpose of God. You will find it in what we call the fourth chapter, in the farewell words addressed by Paul to his friends. We quote from Doctor Goodspeed's translation of the New Testament:

"Have no anxiety about anything, but make all your wants known unto God in prayer and entreaty, with thanksgiving. Then through your union with Christ, Jesus, the peace of God, so far above any human thought, will guard your mind and thoughts. Now brothers let your minds dwell on what is true, what is worthy, what is right, what is pure, what is amiable, what is kindly—on everything that is excellent or praiseworthy. . . . Then God who gives peace will be with you."

It is at once apparent that Paul understood the intimate relation between "thinking" and "thanksgiving." His admonition for the thoughtful life is manifestly the underlying basis for the thankful life. And the thankful life is the assurance of the guarding and companioning peace of God. Paul sets forth the things upon which our minds should dwell—the true, the worthy, the right, the pure,

the amiable or lovely, the kindly. In his philosophy it was vitally important that our minds should be occupied with such thoughts as these. He understood, as we are understanding better today, that what is in a man's thinking will determine the character of his life. He understood, also, that in order to keep one's thinking on a high and wholesome plane there must be effort and discipline.

It was not easy in Paul's day to do this. The world in which he lived was superficially provocative of much bitter, evil and unclean thought. In a city like Philippi there would be many things happening to the Christian and many things under his observation to evoke thinking on the baser level. Even in this joyous letter he felt it necessary to warn his friends with tears against those whose "appetites are their god; who glory in their shame, and who are absorbed in earthly matters."

It is not easy in our day to follow Paul's instruction and example—for he practiced splendidly his own teaching. What we do not actually see in the happening is brought to us in the news columns of the daily press—things that are evil, indecent, ugly, cruel. We cannot wholly ignore these things; Paul did not in his day. When necessary he spoke frankly of them, calling a spade a spade, in his letters. They are part of the world in which we live—of the world we must help. But our effort must be to discipline our thinking so that they will not flood and overwhelm our minds, excluding or submerging thought of better and finer things.

Even more difficult, perhaps, is it to escape the peril of those "who are absorbed in earthly matters." The tide of materialism is strongly set against the influences of the spiritual. Unless the channel is kept clear which admits the flow of God's thought we will find ourselves presently with minds incapable of grasping His purposes and principles, with minds which cannot meditate happily upon His truth or which will not respond to what is right and pure and lovely. The possibility of the thankful life, of the life which knows the comradeship of the God of peace, will be lost to us.

This life of right thinking and glad thanks is the appreciative life.—Go

to your dictionary again. To "appreciate" means to "set a value." The man who has adopted God's standards of values, who sees the true and the good and the lovely and lovable as the worthwhile and abiding things, is the real appreciator, and for him there will always be occasion for the grateful thinking which is thanks.

If you find little of it in your mind today there is something wrong with your standard of values. You are erring in the practice of "appreciation." You have set your heart upon things that are unworthy, temporary, illusory, and they are disappointing you. Take Paul's recipe. Begin to think about all that is excellent and praiseworthy. Take your mind, out of the material shadows and into the sunlight of God's thought and love. Make your wants known to Him. The spirit of thanksgiving will enter your soul, and the "peace of God, so far above any human thought," will come to stand "guard" at your mind's gateway.

And so on this Thanksgiving day let all good Americans give thanks in spirit to the Pilgrims of Plymouth Rock; for turkey, cranberry sauce, and pumpkin pie; for their heroic struggle for freedom, and for their successful demonstration that their new land could be made to yield a living.

For the specialties served up at all good Thanksgiving dinners, Americans must bow to that friendly old Indian, Massasoit. It was he who introduced the cranberry and the pumpkin to the American people through the Pilgrims. Massasoit may have been a poor uneducated savage, but he and his people had a delightfully simple and fairly efficient agricultural system: Corn in the hill and a climbing bean; a pumpkin seed every five hills. Massasoit showed the Pilgrims the cranberry growing wild in the marshes, and had no difficulty whatever in demonstrating that roast turkey and cranberry sauce was an unbeatable combination. The Pilgrims, of course, knew all about turkeys, which had been taken across seas from Mexico and had become common on English farms before the year 1600. But it was the friendly Indian who as impresario brought together for the first time on any stage those three Thanksgiving stars—turkey, cranberry sauce and pumpkin pie.

the prevalent methods of silk culture the cocoons have to be all sold within a period of two or three weeks, but the use of chloropicrin promises a practical way, it is said, for the growers to turn the cocoons into nonperishable merchandise which can be sold when the market is best.

Rogues' Who's Who
One of the most novel reference books in the world is now being compiled by an East London vicar for the protection of those who might

otherwise be deceived by the plausible tales of professional beggars. It is a complete "Who's Who" of rogues of this class and gives the stories they tell in order to abstract money from the pockets of the tender-hearted. Most of the information in the volume has been gathered from the author's personal experience. He has found that most professional beggars have only one story apiece. After they have exploited it to the full in one district they move on to another.—Answers.

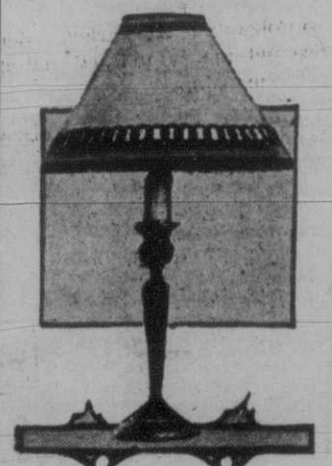
CHRISTMAS TRIFLES THAT ARE SUITABLE

Will Please the Men



A troop of amusing and efficient Chinamen are due to arrive at Christmas time. They are destined to hang about the rooms of uncared-for bachelors, or any other men who may need needles, pins, buttons, thread and such. Bits of colored flannel, or other smooth cloth, account for the costume of the Jolly Chink pictured here, and black wool yarn or darning cotton will serve to outline his features, finish his garments with button-hole stitch and provide the queue which serves to hang him in a handy place. Cardboard will serve as a foundation for the small oriental pictured, or he might be fashioned like the flat, rag dolls that are stuffed with cotton.

New Parchment Shades



Christmas time always brings many kinds of pretty candle shades. Just now parchment shades, bought plain and decorated to suit oneself, are popular and they may be painted or adorned with cut-out figures pasted on. Pretty effects are made by painting silhouettes in black on the underside, to show through when the candles are lighted.

Odd Laundry Bag



The head of this slant-eyed gentleman, who will carry laundry for his lucky owner, is cut from unbleached domestic, stuffed with cotton and sewed over the hook of a coat hanger. The canny face is sketched on with black paint, bits of black ribbon contribute the cap and collar and wool yarn provides the hair. A long shirt of cretonne is open near the top and sewed together at the bottom, forming a clever laundry bag.

In Black and Purple



A black lace bandeau, with light purple ribbons attached to it, and knotted at the back, makes this simple breakfast cap for the gray or white haired woman. It is adorned with a band of ribbon ending in bows at the side and a tiny ribbon-covered elastic across the back adjusts it to the head.

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Drugs Excite the Kidneys, Drink Water
Take Salts at First Sign of Bladder Irritation or Backache

The American men and women must guard constantly against kidney trouble because we often eat too much rich food. Our blood is filled with acids which the kidneys strive to filter out; they weaken from overwork, become sluggish, the eliminative tissues clog and the result is kidney trouble, bladder weakness and a general decline in health.

When your kidneys feel like lumps of lead; your back hurts or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or you are obliged to seek relief two or three times during the night; if you suffer with sick headache, or dizzy, nervous spells, acid stomach, or if you have rheumatism when the weather is bad, begin drinking lots of good soft water and get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts. Take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys may then act fine.

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Dog's Feelings Were Hurt
Offended because he was scolded by Mrs. H. C. Erno at Shasta Retreat, Calif., Teddy, a big collie dog belonging to her brother, William Menzel, disappeared. He was not seen again until he arrived at the Menzel home at Redding. The dog had traveled more than 70 miles of highway during the day to reach the friendly shelter of his master.

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