



Thanksgiving

By Marion Harland. The fact was we had never spent "a Thanksgiving" in the country. And in town the Pilgrims' holy day has degenerated into an 'Arny and 'Arriet "blowout."

It was decided in small to tie us in a body to a box among the hills, where we enjoyed four idyllic summers, to keep the hoary old festa as the Baphaelite squarrels tell me to be observed.

Never did another dinner taste so good; never was wood fire more jolly than that in which the children roasted chestnuts, and beside which paterfamilias smoked the cigar of content, and materfamilias dreamed and moralized.



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When to Lose the Wish and When to Win It. DESIRE to warn you that a charming young widow who wants to break a wishbone with you is one of whom you should beware.

Thoughts are while you are holding the bone and looking down into her eyes. If you have to look up into a widow's eyes, there may be some hope for you, but when she looks up and you look down she can read every one of your thoughts.

Decorations for the Feast. The decorations of the Thanksgiving dinner-table should be seasonable. The fruits and flowers that belong to the late autumn are the ones that should grace the No. 1 member board.

WADING LAVA ON STILTS.

A Thrilling Story From Hawaii by Way of the Old Country. A. B. Watson has just had one of the most thrilling experiences that ever befell a mountaineer.

At noon on the succeeding day all the members of the party, with the exception of Mr. Watson, concluded to examine the north cone of the crater, while Mr. Watson, filled with the idea that the southern cone was the most interesting, separated from his companions and guides and moved in that direction.

But when you break a wishbone with a sweet young girl, whereas you get generally worm-wood and gall when you break bones with a fair widow. You throw all your art into the act of breaking a bone with a young girl, but when you break a bone with a fair widow you throw

By daylight he had the stilts made, and, mounting them, started off to the edge of the flow. The wood smouldered, but did not blaze, as he waded through the lava. The heat was frightful, blistering his face and hands.

A City Travelling Library. Colonel R. Ross Appleton, a wealthy New York manufacturer, is one of the leaders of the Brooklyn Public Library Association. He says of it: "Our idea is rather novel; almost the opposite of that which underlies other great libraries."

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GOOD ROADS NOTES.

Money Loss by Bad Roads. It is said that the direct money loss by bad roads in New York State is about \$30,000,000 annually; this is no guesswork, but the result of careful investigation and computation.

It is as certain that as long as rural roads remain as they are, rural free mail delivery will often be a physical impossibility. General Stone states that one of the latest electrical carriages, or automobiles, for two persons, weighs only a little over a ton, including passengers and battery.

Good Roads in Other Countries. There are, it is estimated, 300,000 miles of highway roads in the United States, about twenty per cent. of the roads of all the world.

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PICKING BILLIONS OF FLOWERS.

Work of Women Where the Perfume Industry is Carried on in France. Grasse, in the southern part of France, is the centre of the perfume industry.

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But the gathering of the blossoms is only the beginning of the work, for then the flowers must be picked apart and all the spoiled leaves thrown aside. Then the making of the perfume begins. The leaves are spread one by one upon layers of pure lard that cover plates of glass.

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DO THE FISHES TALK?

QUEER PROPOSITION BROUGHT FORWARD. Both the Long-fish and Dromfish Can Bark Like a Dog—The Eel and the Glassed-Shad Emit Queer Sounds—Whales Have Been Known to Cry.

Piscatorial cranks are just now parading their knowledge on the subject of fish talk. It is freely admitted that fish that utter sounds are not rare to a remarkable extent; but to translate these sounds into the English or any other language and be able to appreciate the feelings of the denizens of the deep at various thrilling stages of their uncertain careers is beyond the ken of ordinary mortals.

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