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Christmas and New Years are cosmopolitan-are the property of no particular people, but yet are joyously observed by many. But Thanksgiving is purely an American holiday, original in conception and growing from a small beginning until it has reached the dignity of a national event. - Its first celebration was by the Plymouth colony in 1621 -those sturdy pioneers whose piety was as pronounced as their pluck. who honored themselves by honoring their Diety. The custom soon became more general, spreading over all the New England States. After the revolution it gradually extended to the middle states and later to the west, growing more slowly in 'the south. In 1868 the patriotic Lin-