

COUNTRY THANKSGIVING

HOW IT GOES WITH RURALITIES

Pleasures of the Day Not Confined to City People Who Eat Around Clubs and Sit at Beauty-Lounges. Hotel Tables—Country Churches Have Their Morning Services and Then a Rural Dinner is Spread Which For Abundance the Hotel Menus Cannot Approach—The Day in the Fields and Forests With the Youngsters Whose Only Pleasures Are Thus Obtained.

In some respects there is a close similarity between a city and a country Thanksgiving, but in other respects there is a wide difference. There is indeed a divergence between the two sufficient to force many a city fellow to betake himself beyond the limits to-day and spend it amid the wild, resourceful liberties of the rural districts. There is enough difference, also, between the two to keep the country people at home, and you who walk the streets will not fail to notice this fact. They never come to town on Thanksgiving; it's not the place for a proper observance of the occasion.

While the good city folks hang around clubs and hotels, smoking and sipping their juleps of mint and sparkling beverages, watching the same monotonous grind of every-day life, the same unvarying faces that are scattered day after day through the streets, the same unceasing whir of trolleys and locomotives, and in some instances, bending over the same ledgers, hammering the same typewriters, turning the same cranks, and keeping up the usual tenor of a business career, there is a peaceful rest-out in the woods, nobody at work, and nobody care-worn and nervous about his daily duties. A universal quiet prevails and sometimes it takes a discriminating eye and a well-balanced memory to distinguish between the Thanksgiving and the Lord's Day. A Sabbath atmosphere is not at all uncommon with a country Thanksgiving, because in the social and political evolution, the rural districts less speedily respond to the process, naturally enough, than the fast-living city folks.

CHURCHES HAVE SERVICES

The fact that Thanksgiving services will to-day be held in the country churches is not a distinguishing trait of the day outside the city. The same will be true here, but in different style. Shepherds will lead their flocks to the altar, and there in simple words will record the things bountifully bestowed during the year just ending. But there is no high-sounding and artificial music, no grand hymns of the saints long gone, and the songs of the sweet singer of Israel will be sung after country fashion, sometimes to the accompaniment of the old-time organs, and unrestricted to a quartette or sextette paid to do the vocal stunt. This country is Calvinistic in its prevailing sentiment, and for this reason there will be flourishes in the praise service. It will all be after the good old-fashioned method.

THE COUNTRY DINNER

And then comes the dinner and there is nothing like it under the sun. Not the dainties of the city bill-of-fare, nor the little dishes moonshine or balmy breeze, but the stable and solid things that really give vitality and were really intended to be consumed by the human "department of the interior."

In the centre of the table will sit an old gobbler who has been spared from the market and saved unto the coming of the day. With his pedicel extremities extending toward the ceiling and his beheaded self facing the gayer families, whose supreme duty on this occasion is to so carve him as to save enough fragments for the turkey hash for several following breakfasts, the old gobbler becomes literally the fixed focus of admiring glances, and about with cold sweet taters and shing sleek in congealed grease, assumes the nature of the under plot of a country dinner, though his part of the play is with some not at all subsidiary to the leading character—the gobbler. Cranberries and celery and such auxiliaries are barely respected by the good ruralities. These abound in the city menu and without them a hotel dinner would sadly fall to come up to the accustomed standard, but out in the country, such little articles are least regarded falling far under corn bread and turnip greens and apple jelly in the line of importance.

You who draw back your chairs to-day from hotel and club dinners praising the chefs for their excellent taste in preparing such palatable foods, remember that out in the country amid the beauties of the scarlet-tinted fields and forests and flowers, dinners will be spread not after the same elaborate fashion, indeed, but in such simplicity and abundance as to remain forever unforgettable. And you who lounge around the clubs and hotels, living the life of a patrician, remember that out in the fresh air of the country your neighbors are drinking not the satisfying glasses that add vivacity, but the good, cold draughts of buttermilk, or perchance an occasional glass of simon beer infinitely freer, and infinitely more cheerful and thankful. Limitless liberty, changing sandwiches, no restriction, and few conventionalities, no wonder the countryman is thankful.

THE DAY'S HUNTERS

There is yet a pleasure of a country Thanksgiving for an adequate description of which the gods need be implored. The young boy's hilarity in the fields with his gun across his shoulder and old Rogue following in his steps, out after whatever meets his vision, is the sweeping triumph of the day. Incomparable with the dinner, as much as that is pleasing, is the pleasure of the hunting expedition when he turns his peregrinating battery upon a cotton-tail, or finds a squirrel zig-zagging down a fence row. Despite the solemn warnings of the wardens, or the binding demands of the law of the land, the young boy will have his fun to-day. He knows no Thanksgiving except at it relates to such enjoyments and if a ban is placed upon his hunting aptitude, there is nothing under the sun for which he can really feel forth his gratitude. It's second only to his Christmas and in some of their features, both occasions overlap in the pleasures offered the youngster, and sometimes the older folks, too. A Thanksgiving in the country is a satisfying occasion.

Mr. Durham's Busy Day. Rev. Plato Durham has a busy time before him to-day. He preaches this morning in the Presbyterian church of Davidson to the students of the college and members of that church, and to-night will make an address at the inter-state meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at Rock Hill, S. C.

A SIGNIFICANT PRAYER

"May the Lord help you make Buckle's Arnica Salve known to all," writes T. P. Jenkins, of Chapel Hill, N. C. It quickly took the reader's fancy, and he cured it in a wonderfully short time. Best on earth for sores, burns and wounds. 25c at all druggists.

TO FIGHT PARCELS POST.

Resolutions Throughout United States Are Up in Arms—Greater Charlotte Club May Adopt Resolutions—Claim Government Money is to Be Used to Bolster Up Private Interests.

Resolutions strongly opposing the proposed establishment of a parcels post system as an extension of the national postoffice system will be presented to the Greater Charlotte Club at its next meeting, and will probably be adopted. Backing the fight against the movement are the retail merchants of the country, who contend that there is no demand for the extension save from a few private interests, and that the establishment of the parcels post would but entail upon the national government the burden of meeting a deficit which is already of constantly increasing proportions. Last year it amounted to something over \$10,000,000 and this year it is expected to reach \$15,000,000.

The demand for the parcels post, it is said, comes largely from a few big mail order houses in large cities, which send out every year millions of catalogues. These, by reason of size and weight, have to be sent by express, and a saving of as much as \$50,000 a year in postage would be effected for some, by the new system. But the smaller merchants, the home merchants, protest against the government's money being expended for the benefit of the few, especially when it aids the competition which hampers where it does not crush home industry.

These merchants say that the catalogue system gives fakirs a good chance to unload on the public things which they do not want, though, of course, not all the large mail order houses could be considered at all as coming in that class.

The North Carolina Retail Merchants' Association, as well as the national organization, is on record against the innovation, but a more determined effort than ever before is being made to have all the local commercial organizations throughout the country adopt resolutions opposing it. An attempt is to be made to force the measure through the next Congress.

"DE CORDER'S COTE."

Proceedings Yesterday in Tribunal Which is a Terror to Evil Doers—Gastonia Negro Caught With the Goods On.

The Charlotte minions of the law proved more alert than Payne Hoyle, colored, of Gastonia, calculated. He was on his way from Salisbury to his home, accompanied by 32 pints of whiskey Tuesday night, when he was arrested at the station and locked up. He was bound to court in the sum of \$100 by Recorder W. M. Smith. Laura Culp, colored, had four gallons of liquor and this resulted in her appearance before the recorder and a fixing of a bond of \$100, the furnishing of which was a prerequisite to her release. Henry Springs, the negro who made the horse of Dr. R. L. Gibbon, for whom he drives go around the square and down West Trade at a tremendous pace, was fined \$15 and costs. It was in evidence that he used his whip cruelly. The proceedings in the affray case in which Tony Kirlikos and Gilmer Papademas figured were paid by them and they left rejoicing in Greek.

SOLDIERS TO SING.

Announcement Made That Good Old-Time Music is to Be Manufactured in the Right Style This Afternoon at the Veterans' Headquarters.

All those who like good, old-time music are cordially invited to attend the "singings" to be held by the veterans of Mecklenburg Camp, U. C. V. this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the elegant quarters at the city hall. The old soldiers have been practicing hard and faithfully, they have the proper size equipment and the proper spirit. It is not surprising, therefore, that Colonel C. Bunyan Sikes should declare with pardonable pride that "it is the best blended choir in North Carolina." Indeed it is probable that South Carolina and Virginia could be included without any danger of wrenching the truth beyond the limit of conservative statement. A warm time is assured at the veterans' headquarters this afternoon and all those interested are asked to be present, as they of course will be.

Bad Debt Collection Agency Moves Here From Statesville.

The Statesville Bad Debt Collection Agency has rented rooms in the 4C's Building and will move its headquarters here from Statesville the first of the month. The officers of the company are Mr. F. A. Hampton, president, and Mr. E. M. Boshamer, secretary and treasurer. Mr. M. Q. Fry, of the company, was here yesterday, making preliminary arrangements. The Bad Debt Collection Agency has been in existence about six months and is a rather novel institution. Its business is the handling of old and uncollectable accounts, which it collects by novel methods, exposing the failure of the debtors to pay. It has had a signal success in its operations about Statesville and there is doubtless work for it to do in this vicinity.

North Graded School Children Thank.

The ladies of the Day Nursery Association wish to extend sincere thanks to the children of the North graded school for their generous contributions to the cause. Every child in the school yesterday morning craved from home with a pound of something or other which was deemed appropriate to the occasion. Their gifts are timely and will prove useful in a worthy cause. Mrs. H. G. Harper and Mrs. Oscar B. Saine were in charge. Thanks are extended also to Mr. C. A. Black for having the goods delivered.

Hard Times Floor "The Tourists."

News was received in the city yesterday of the failure of the management of "The Tourists," and the disbandment at Houston, Tex., of the company which presented this lively musical comedy in Charlotte several weeks ago. The stringency in financial circles which seems to be hitting so many theatrical organizations so hard is assigned as the reason. It is a pity, for the show was a good one. The company has sailed from Houston back to New York.

"Diavolo" Works Richmond.

"Diavolo," the loop-the-looper, who worked Charlotte citizens for a goodly sum of money some months ago, jumped his hotel bill and then left the city, afterwards to go Columbia the same unkindness, has now appeared in Richmond, or rather disappeared, after successfully carrying off a neat sum of that city's cash. "Diavolo" is a shrewd rascal and appears to get the best of officers who are constantly on his trail.

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NANTZ RELEASED FROM JAIL.

Mr. Lawson Nantz, of Alexis, Comes to the Aid of His Son and Turns Over \$1,500 to His Creditors, Which Will Pay Them in Full—Proceedings Dismissed.

Mr. L. I. Nantz, the retail grocer who was placed in jail a night or two ago in default of \$1,500 bond required by the clerk of the court in arrest and bail proceedings, growing out of the charge of the fraudulent disposition of certain monies so as to deprive his creditors of their benefit, was released yesterday and the proceedings withdrawn. His aged father, Mr. Lawson Nantz, of Alexis, apparently a fine old man, came to the rescue of his son in trouble, turned over to the proper parties \$1,500 in cash and told them to pay up the creditors in full. This was done in so far as it has been possible. Those who have not received the money will be paid on presentation of their claims. The man in trouble had borne a good reputation up to his assignment last week and the ensuing litigation. He was represented by Mr. F. R. McNinch, while Messrs. F. M. Shannonhouse and Plummer Stewart represented a portion of the creditors.

Mr. Ross Brought Home.

Mr. Lloyd Ross, a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Ross, and a member of the senior class at the University, was brought home yesterday afternoon from Chapel Hill, suffering with a broken collar bone, which he accidentally sustained while playing with a friend. The injury was thought to be trivial at first, but later developed to be a serious fracture, and his physicians advised him to come home to recuperate. It may be several weeks before he is able to return to his college work.

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A Prominent Pastor's Opinion. Rev. William P. Constable, pastor St. John's Methodist church, Goldsboro, N. C., says: To whom it may concern: After moving from Tyrell county to Goldsboro, N. C., my family suffered much from malaria and chills and fever. We were led to try Mrs. Joe Person's Remedy, and found that it helped us. We continued to use same and it resulted in a complete cure. I most heartily recommend it. Yours respectfully, WM. P. CONSTABLE. May 11th, 1907.

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