

PEGGY'S THANKSGIVING

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It was a dilapidated hovel, situated on a rear street on the edge of a bare common, where unsightly heaps of rubbish were deposited. A little, low, tumbled-down affair, with mossy eaves, under which the swallows build their nests, and over the roof of which a tall spruce, with brown and dry branches, towered.

The chill November wind whistled about it, sighing down the chimney, and ingress in many a crack around window and door. There dwelt Mrs. Grant and her little granddaughter, Peggy. Mrs. G. was a little, withered old lady, with a placid face and kindly smile. She was very poor, partly supported by the town, and eking out her slender income by means of knitting, braiding mats, and sewing carpet rags, for the busy housewives of the village.

Peggy was a bright, little girl of eight summers, much attached to her grandmother, and a favorite at the village school, notwithstanding her patched dress, dilapidated shoes and faded hood. Everyone had a kind word for her, and many a rosy-cheeked apple or crisp cookie was slipped into her basket, to eke out her dinner of cold Johnny-cake, by her more favored companions.

School was out, and a merry group were putting on their wraps in the hallway, and discussing the coming festival, so dear to every New England child.

"I think Thanksgiving is just one of the best times of the year, don't you, Peggy?" asked a little, roly-poly girl about her own age, as she tied her red hood about her rosy face.

"I don't know; we never had Thanksgiving at our house," replied the little girl, who had been listening with wide-open eyes to the tales of roast turkey, chicken pies and frosted cake.

"Never had Thanksgiving, Peggy—why don't you?"

"Granny's too poor, she can't afford it."

"Sure enough. I didn't think about that," and Hattie Miller turned homeward with a thoughtful face and preoccupied air.

All the evening she seemed to be engaged in studying some problem, and said good-night very gravely. But the next morning she came bounding into the dining room with a radiant face.

"Oh, mamma!" she exclaimed, "do you know Peggy Grant says they never have Thanksgiving at her house, her grandma is so poor. Isn't it top bad?"

"I never thought of it before, dear. I'm sorry."

"But mamma, I've got a plan in my head."

"I'm afraid this curly pate cannot keep it long," returned her mother, affectionately smoothing her hair.

"Well, you see, we school children all love Peggy, and I'm going to ask them all to give their pocket money, and we'll buy her a new dress and shoes for a Thanksgiving present; then we can each spare a few of our toys, for I don't s'pose she has any; and if you grown folks would only make a little feast for them, they

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"I'll do my part, and thank my little girl for giving me a hint. I think if you get your schoolmates interested in your plan, their papas and mammas will be glad to help, and we will make Peggy and her grandmother happy for one day at least."

"Oh, thank you, mamma," and Hattie sat down to her breakfast with a very happy face.

She hastened early to school, calling on the way upon several of her schoolmates, and enlisted them in her plan. She met with good success in all her appeals, even the older

scholars promised to help the matter along, and a sum of money was raised far exceeding Hattie's most sanguine expectations.

This was judiciously expended at the village store by Mrs. Miller, who enlisted the sympathies of the merchant in the scheme, and materials for several serviceable garments were purchased, the garments cut out, and some young ladies offered to make them up.

Poor Peggy looked sorrowful at the happy faces of her schoolmates during the week, thinking it was the anticipated enjoyment of the coming Thanksgiving that made them so gleeful, and she wondered why they became so silent when she approached a group of them chatting away in the corner.

Thanksgiving morning dawned clear and cold. Mrs. Grant and Peggy ate their frugal breakfast, and with a sigh the elder lady put away the remnants, thinking of the many happy circles that would assemble around festive boards, and she could not afford an extra article of food that day. When the church bell sounded, she laid aside her knitting, donned her old, rusty, bombazine dress and crape bonnet, that had served her many a year, and taking Peggy's hand set out for church; first covering the fire to save the little fuel in the stove until their re-

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turn. The air was keen, and penetrated their thin garments, but the church would be warm—they could take seats near the stove—and as Parson Harvey's sermons were lengthy, they would have two good hours of warmth.

As the little black bonnet passed on its way, it was watched by a score of bright eyes; and as it disappeared through the church door, there was a general donning of hoods and cloaks, and a bevy of young girls came out of the different houses, bearing baskets, palls and bundles, and took their way to the dilapidated hovel.

A load of wood, that had been waiting on the outskirts of the village, was driven to the door and unloaded, and half a dozen young men with saws and axes began to demolish it, while a corps of little boys packed it neatly under a tumble-down shed in the rear.

Meanwhile, within doors, the girls were busy transforming the cheerless apartment into one of comfort. The bare floor was partly covered with some strips of half-worn carpet—two or three cheap prints in rustic frames, with some wreaths of evergreen, gave the dingy walls a homelike look. Opposite the door the door the word "Thanksgiving," in evergreen, was placed. A bright fire was burning in the little stove, and the teakettle singing away as if it entered into the spirit of the occasion. The old table was drawn into the middle of the room, covered with a snowy cloth, and the widow's scanty array of crockery arranged to the best advantage upon it, while baskets, palls and bundles gave up their store of goodies to fill it.

As the time for the close of services drew near, they finished their work and left for their respective homes, watching with dancing eyes, Mrs. Grant and Peggy as they trudged demurely homeward.

As they reached their little domicile and opened the door of the kitchen, both uttered an exclamation of astonishment. The old lady sank into a chair and rubbed her eyes,

"I don't know, dearie, what it all means; but here's a note," and taking a folded paper from the table, she read:

"A Thanksgiving dinner for Mrs. Grant and Peggy, from their numerous friends."

"Thank the Lord for such friends who remember the widow and orphan," said Mrs. Grant, wiping her eyes.

"Oh, granny, see here!" shouted Peggy, pointing to the bureau, on which was arranged an assortment of toys and picture-books, a crimson merino dress, sack and hood, with a neat pair of gaiters. A card, with this inscription, lay by their side:

"Peggy Grant, from her schoolmates."

We must not dwell upon the pleasures of that day; it was the richest in Peggy's experience, and in after years, when she moved in the best circles in society, she looked back with a warm feeling at her heart to that Thanksgiving Day.—New York Weekly.

ST. PETER SHAKEN BY BOMB

The Famous Cathedral Was the Scene of Panic

THE CELEBRATED TOMB IS SAFE

Congregation Assembled to Celebrate the Dedication of the Basilica to St. Peter, Started From Its Devotions by the Roar of the Bursting Boom—Panic Stricken Worshippers Flee in Dismay and a Scene of Indescribable Confusion Follows.



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bubble on the stove sent forth a delicious odor.

"Oh, granny, is it all a dream, and shall I wake up soon?" asked Peggy, her eyes swimming with tears.

WANT THE WHITES PARDONED

A Vigorous Attempt Being Made For Pardon of Principals in Famous Case.

Salisbury, Special.—Notice has been given that application will be made to Governor Glenn for the pardon of Thomas and Chalmers White, two prominent citizens of Concord, who are each serving a five year sentence in the penitentiary for the killing of Russell Sherrill, a prominent young man of Mt. Ulla, Rowan county, several years ago. It will be remembered that they went to Sherill's home to induce him to marry their niece, whom they alleged he had betrayed. Their visit resulted in the shooting of the young man on the porch of his mother's home. They then drove to Salisbury, surrendered and were placed in jail, later were given a preliminary hearing and released on a \$25,000 bail each, which was immediately given. After their conviction and after an appeal and the supreme court had passed upon the case they went to Raleigh unattended and remained unrecognized at the Yarrowburgh Hotel for a day or two. Sheriff Julian went to Raleigh to commit them to the keeping of the prison authorities and the two men drove out to the penitentiary and began to serve their sentence. Gov. Glenn was one of the prosecuting attorneys in this famous case.

THE PRESIDENT'S ORDER

Negro Soldiers Discharged at Fort Reno, Oklahoma.

The Officers Cannot Believe That They Themselves Will Be Court-Martialed.

Fort Reno, Oklahoma.—The order for the discharge of the 167 negroes comprising Cos. B, C and D, of the Twenty-fifth infantry, who were stationed at Fort Brown at the time of the trouble there, was received here. It reads: "By order of the President the following named enlisted men, who, on August 13, were members of B, C and D Companies of the Twenty-fifth infantry, who took part in the trouble which occurred in Brownsville, Texas, on the night of August 13, 1906, will be discharged without honor from the army by their respective commanding officers and forever debared from re-enlisting in the army or navy of the United States, as well as from employment in any civil capacity under the Government."

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State Board of Education Consider

ing Text Books.

Raleigh, Special.—The State Board of Education is in session hearing the publication of text books in regard to the adoption of the following books: North Carolina history, civics, and pedagogy. These books were not adopted when the text book commission were in session several weeks ago. There are three North Carolina books before the commission for their consideration. They are a History in manuscript, by Prof. D. H. Hill of the A. & M. College. This book will be published by the Stone and Barringer Company of Charlotte; also a History of North Carolina, by W. C. Allen of Waynesville, N. C., and a book on civics by W. J. Peele of Raleigh. Besides these quite a number of larger publishing houses are represented before the board. It will be several days yet before the final action of the board will be made public.

Teller of First National Bank of Mt. Airy Arrested.

Greensboro, Special.—Chief of Police Neely received instructions from Mt. Airy for the arrest of Graham Trotter, charging him with being a fugitive from justice. He is wanted in Mt. Airy for complicity in an assault made there one night last week on a young man and two young ladies of that city in which one of the young ladies was very seriously injured from a pistol shot fired by the assaulting party. Trotter is teller of the First National Bank of Mt. Airy and a very prominent young man as are all of the people connected with the affair. It will be remembered that a Mr. Brimm of Mt. Airy was arrested the day after the shooting charged with being connected with the affair. Trotter is locked up here and he absolutely refuses to discuss the matter. By instructions of the Mt. Airy authorities he is held without bail.

Fatal Shooting.

Detroit, Mich., Special.—Three persons were killed and several injured when a Michigan Central freight engine crashed into the wall of the waiting room at the Michigan Central station. A considerable portion of the building was knocked down.

Briefs of State News.

Auditor Dixon says the State will make a fine financial showing this fiscal year and that there will be a balance of \$300,000.

Tragedy in Mining Town.

Wheeling, W. Va., Special.—Silas Conaway, a miner of Flushing, O., near here, shot and instantly killed Marcus Piverotti, an Italian store-keeper with whom he quarrelled. Following the murder Conaway made his escape and a posse formed by Sheriff Amrine is now in pursuit. The murder has caused much excitement among the foreign population of Flushing. In 1884 Conaway shot and badly wounded Marshall Jos. McConaughy of Bridgeport, O., and served 12 years for the crime in the Ohio penitentiary.

Fatal Shooting Affray at Alabama Mine.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—During a quarrel at Sayres mines Sunday Doe Mann and Oscar Linn, two white men, engaged in a shooting affray, in which both received mortal injuries. Sam Stephens, a negro, who was standing near, received injuries from which he will die.

25 Killed.

San Jose, Cal., Special.—Two men were killed, another fatally injured and many passengers more or less shaken up and cut by broken glass in an accident to the Southern Pacific Sunset Express No. 10, southbound from San Francisco to New Orleans, opposite the depot at Sargent's Station, 87 miles south of San Francisco Sunday night.

Ohio Faces Coal Famine.

Ohio is in the grip of a coal famine. The shortage of cars and the demands of the Northwest are given as the reasons. The famine is felt especially in the manufacturing cities.

Edward Honored Haakon.

King Edward invested King Haakon, now in London, with the Order of the Garter. The ceremony of investiture was the most brilliant pageant of King Edward's reign.

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News of the Week

WASHINGTON.

Officials of the Department of Justice conferred on methods to prosecute the Standard Oil Company for violation of the law.

President Roosevelt, accompanied by Mrs. Roosevelt, and Surgeon-General Rixey, started for Panama, Sir Henry Mortimer Durand, British Ambassador, announced his retirement from the Diplomatic service.

Director of the Census North and Chief Garry, of the Customs Division of the Treasury Department, sailed from New York for Germany.

The President placed 1100 deputy collectors of internal revenue under Civil Service rules.

Samuel Gompers and other labor leaders had a conference with the President on the Payne Anti-Initiation bill and other questions affecting labor.

The Army will adopt the new bullet, which was recently tested at the National rifle meet at Sea Girt.

President Roosevelt has approved the arrangement made by Colonel Remagers, of the Fifth Cavalry, for the settlement of the grievances of the Ute Indians.

The President instructed the officials of the War Department to inform the Indian chiefs that he will give them an audience at the White House on his return from Panama.

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The moderate party of Cuba voted to disband and reorganize under another name.

Cuban Liberals, dissatisfied because Governor Maagoo has not given them office, held a meeting to plan to bring pressure to bear on him.

A Cuban band of one hundred former rebels was dispersed near Cienfuegos by Major Kane, commandant of marines.

Three thousand Filipinos assembled at Cagayan de Misamis, capital of the province of Misamis, Mindanao, P. I., to protest against the rumored separation.

Captain Fredendall, of the Army, who was tried in the Manila civil courts on the charge of misappropriating the funds of the quartermaster's shops, has been acquitted.

DOMESTIC.

Jet Hicks, a negro, was lynched at Sale City, Ga., for the murder of John Akridge.

The Society of the Army of the Tennessee has re-elected General Grenville M. Dodge as its president.

It is believed that Winston Churchill, the author, stands a chance of being United States Senator from New Hampshire.

President Roosevelt returned to Washington from his outing in Virginia with one wild turkey, which had fallen to his gun.

The President has approved the report of the committee exonerating Governor Frantz, of Oklahoma, of charges against him.

District Attorney Jerome, of New York City, explained in a letter to ex-Judge Herrick his reasons for deferring action on alleged coercion methods of the Mutual Life.

The British laborers on the Isthmian Canal were granted a holiday in honor of King Edward's birthday.

San Francisco policy holders have appealed to the State Department for aid in forcing three German and one Austrian fire insurance companies to pay \$14,000,000 losses.

Suits were begun in the Federal court in Utah to recover thousands of acres of coal lands for the State from the Gould corporations.

A brother of Senator Muel killed another man in a pistol duel at Monterey, Miss.

The will of the late James G. Morse, several times a millionaire, filed at Thomaston, Ga., leaves nearly all to his daughter, Mrs. Carolyn Morse Ely.

The Louisiana State Board of Health has modified the quarantine against Havana, so that passengers may go direct to their homes without detention, provided they report on their health daily.

Secretary of Commerce and Labor Metcalf visited the Orient schools in San Francisco, in pursuance of his investigation of educational conditions.

Senator Chauncey M. Depew, completely recovered in health, it was learned, would attend the next session of Congress.

Voluntarily appearing before the Fifth Court in Mexico City, J. E. Starr Hunt, charged with fraud in connection with the International Bank and Trust Company, was acquitted.

FOREIGN.

The Pope, it was announced at Rome, had decided to call a consistory.

A rumor that Herr von Podbielski, the Prussian Minister of Agriculture, has resigned was published in Berlin.

Dr. Carl Hau, of George Washington University, was arrested in London, charged with murdering his mother-in-law in Baden-Baden.

Counsel for Count Bond made a vicious attack on Edmond Kelly, the American lawyer, in speaking for the defense in the Castellane divorce suit in Paris.

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