

## PA AND THE TURKEY

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fails. He admits in his heart that he is licked and seizes the leg which he violently twists from the carcass. A victory? Not much. He tackles the wind and again he discovers a rebel. The joint is there, but how the deuce is he to locate it? He doesn't. His forehead and cheeks are being treated to a shower of salt solution. His hands shake. He is at the end of his row. Fortunately, the family and guests cannot read his mind or hear his unspoken words. In dire desperation he gives the hand treatment again and the wing yields to his grip.

The worst is over. The breast is sliced. White and dark meat and turkey dressing are placed on the plates. The last person around the table has been helped. Pa serves his own plate, cleans of accumulated debris on the table cover, wipes his hand and takes his seat. But there is no appetite. If one could hear what

he would like to shriek it would be: "Damn the turkey and all his flock! If ever I attempt to carve another it will be in the kitchen and not at the dining table where the eyes of a dozen hungry per-

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