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### THANKSGIVING HYMN

We thank Thee, Lord, for daily food,  
For all received of daily good;  
For sunshine and the song of birds,  
And for the higher hopes of heaven.

We thank Thee for the books we read,  
And for the work of books we need,  
For hopes of earth so sweetly given,  
And for the higher hopes of heaven.

For children's voices full of love,  
For thoughts that soar above,  
And for the tears we sometimes know  
For sorrows other than our own.

For loved ones here and loved ones gone,  
Who still, with Thee, keep loving on;  
For gentle tones that softly call,  
And for the cross that's over all.

—Rev. J. P. Hutchinson.

### FARMER CAREY'S MINE.

A Thanksgiving Story.

FEW days only remained before Thanksgiving. Old John Carey and his son stood in front of the comfortable farmhouse gazing out upon a rolling landscape in the golden light of the Indian summer.

destined that their fears should come true. The workmen were engaged in tamping a new blast while the two men were intently examining the mineral vein, when a sudden shock as of an earthquake occurred. The blast had prematurely exploded, and had been followed by a considerable fall of dirt and debris into the mine.

Fortunately several of the workmen were outside of the mine and other help was hastily summoned, and the injured were as speedily as possible rescued from their disagreeable position. Two of the workmen were seriously injured, while Eben Farley himself had a broken leg and several severe contusions. As for John Carey, he ever blessed his fortune that he escaped with something like half a hundred cuts and bruises, none of which was serious, though he was found insensible under a wagonload of dirt and rock.

The charge had fortunately been a small one, the workmen being too doubtful of their own skill to use heavy blasts, or the result might have been far more tragical.

John Carey was an obstinate and self-opinionated man, as has been said, but like most men of his kind, he believed devotedly in signs and warnings. He was confined to his bed for several days, during which he had abundant time to reflect upon his quarrel with his son and the accident at the mine.

"Mary," he said to his wife, as he sat in an easy chair for the first time since the accident and gazed through the windows over his broad acres to where the abandoned mine could be plainly seen against the hillside, "tomorrow is Thanksgiving, ain't it?"

"Yes," responded the pious woman, "and I feel that we have special cause for giving thanks this year."

one of industry. Priscilla's real life was not all poetry. There were four women, one servant, and a few maids to prepare and serve the three days' feast for the colonists and their Indian guests.

New York celebrated her first Thanksgiving Day in a manner somewhat different. It may have been a difference in the race or in the times, for it was twenty-three years later, in 1644, that it is related that the Dutch citizens of New York killed nearly 600 Indians and then marched home and "observedly" ate their Thanksgiving Day dinners.

We unfortunately do not know of what the dinner consisted that day, but it was probably very similar to the bounteous fare of ordinary days, for Christmas and New Year's were the only great Dutch holidays.

In New England, at one time, they kept the day before and the day after Thanksgiving as fast days. It was a sensible action, for hygienic reasons, if all their dishes were as elaborate as old recipes show some to have been.

### CALL TO COTTON GROWERS.

All the States of the Cotton Belt Invited to Send Delegates TO ATLANTA, DECEMBER 14TH.

To Unite Against the Exchanges to Break and Throw Off the Shackles of Business Slavery.

J. C. Wilborn, president of the South Carolina Alliance and of the recent Cotton Growers' Convention held in Columbia, has issued the following:

COLUMBIA, S. C., Nov. 19, 1897.  
To the Cotton Growers of the South:  
At a large and enthusiastic meeting of the cotton growers of the State of South Carolina, where all sections of this State were represented, it was resolved that every State in the South be invited to send delegates to a convention to be called to meet in Atlanta, Ga., December 14th, 1897. The purpose of this convention is to organize the cotton growers of the South, thereby securing unity of action in the marketing and sale of this great staple; also, to devise ways and means by which we may be able to break and throw off the shackles of business slavery that now bind us. With foreign exchanges dictating the price, we can only expect ruin and distress in the future. We can achieve independence only by organization.

### TRADE REPORT.

#### Some Cotton Planters Compelled to Sell at Loss to Meet Advances Made.

Bradstreet's commercial report for the past week says: There is a moderate improvement in staple prices, and in distribution of woolen goods, shoes, hats and hardware in the region tributary to Chicago, St. Louis, Kansas City and Omaha. In South Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Louisiana a business is delayed by yellow fever quarantine. There is a moderate revival of demand from interior merchants, which reports some of the business delayed by yellow fever quarantine.

Trade reports from Georgia and Texas are quite irregular.

Some cotton planters are compelled to sell cotton at a loss to meet advances made earlier in the season, and have little or no surplus with which to buy merchandise. Others, notably in Texas, continue to hold cotton, which declines mercantile collections and in some sections has an unfavorable influence. In the cotton producing States, however, there are no surpluses with which to buy merchandise. Others, notably in Texas, continue to hold cotton, which declines mercantile collections and in some sections has an unfavorable influence.

### COMING EVENTS CAST THEIR SHADOWS BEFORE.

"So do I, Mary, so do I," he said eagerly; "an more because my eyes are opened so that I see what a fool I have been makin' of myself. Mary, we've got a noble boy—that George is a noble boy."

"He is a good boy, assented the proud mother.

"He's more than that. You ought to have heard how he spoke up to me when I told him he must marry Betsy Wood or I'd cut him off without a dollar. I've been thinkin' it over, an' I admire him for his pluck, now that I've got my senses about the matter. Mary, you like that Nellie Thorne?"

"She's a sweet and noble woman," replied Mrs. Carey.

"Well, I've made up my mind that no woman is too good or too well educated for our George; an' say, Mary, if you've a mind to invite Nellie Thorne here to dinner to-morrow, I'll try to be on my feet an' give her a welcome that will make George forget that we have quarreled about her."

So it came to pass that the Thanksgiving Day brought happiness to two worthy hearts, and Farmer Carey's mine work was never resumed.

### THANKSGIVING AND EATING.

How the Popular Observation of the Holiday Originated.

It is a little strange that our earliest national holiday, the one at least which had its origin in the very early days of our country, should always be associated with the dinner table. Thanksgiving Day and Thanksgiving Day dinner are synonymous terms with a great many people.

to their skill and ingenuity by setting before their hungry guests and companions a repast as sumptuous and tempting as it was varied and delightful. Foremost of all there was roast turkey, dressed with bechamnt; then came rare venison pasties, savory meat steews with dumplings of barley flour, delicious oysters (the gift of the Indians, and the first ever tasted by the white men), great bowls of clam chowder with sea biscuit floating on the steaming broth, roasts of all kinds, broiled fish, salads, cakes and plum porridge; while the centre of each of the long tables was adorned with a large basket overflowing with wild grapes and plums and nuts of every variety.

### THANKSGIVING DINNER IN 1621.

Pilgrims' Banquet to Indian Chiefs Was Fit to Set Before a King.

"The state dinner of the occasion—the real Thanksgiving dinner—took place on Saturday, the last day of the celebration," writes Clifford Howard in "The First Thanksgiving Dinner in America, in the Ladies' Home Journal. "Notwithstanding that the kitchens of these wilderness homes were sadly wanting in many of the most common essentials of cookery, there was no lack of good things nor of appetizing dishes at this great feast. The earth, the air and the water had yielded their bountiful supplies, and the good dames had done honor

### FATAL TEXAS DUEL.

Judge Gerald Shoots Two Brothers Who Had Attacked Him.

J. W. Harris, editor of the Waco (Texas) Times-Herald, a morning paper, and W. A. Harris, his brother, on one side, and Judge G. B. Gerald, a prominent citizen, fought a duel on the street. W. A. Harris was shot dead. J. W. Harris wounded fatally, his body being paralyzed, and Gerald shot in the side. He may die. The trouble was the outcome of a jabbing of W. C. Brann, publisher of the Iconoclast.

### ESSAY ON TOBACCO.

The Secretary of Agriculture Offers \$15 Per 1,000 Words to Experts.

The Secretary of Agriculture proposes issuing a series of farmers' bulletins on tobacco, and has issued a circular soliciting contributions from experts on the methods of cultivation, on the export of tobaccos of Kentucky and Tennessee, and on the marketing of tobacco. He promises to reward those whose contributions are accepted at the rate of \$15 per thousand words. The papers are to be submitted to the Secretary not later than March 31, 1898.

### MEXICO WANTS CUBA.

Mexico City Papers Dreaming About a Great Tropical Republic.

The question of the future of Cuba is exciting some interest in Mexico City, Mex., owing to the talk of a possible union of the island with the Mexican republic in case of its ultimately gaining its independence, which would be pleasing a large portion of Mexican people. The Herald remarks: "Cuba should become a part of Mexico, which will eventually form a part of the great tropical republic, extending to the mouth of the Orinoco, making the Caribbean sea and the Gulf of Mexico the new world's Mediterranean."

### CUBA TOBACCO.

Blanco Urged to Allow 10,000 Bales to be Exported.

The chamber of commerce and the leaf tobacco merchants have informed Marshal Blanco that he ought to permit the exportation of the 10,000 bales now in market. These are valued at \$5,000,000. The manufacturers are direly worked, and the growers are in a straits at the small prospects of sale. Moreover they still have a part of the crop in the country. These considerations have been strongly urged upon the captain general.

### Train Robbers Heavily Sentenced.

In the district court at Austin, Tex., L. W. Fisher and Felix Wolf pleaded guilty to robbing the International and Great Northern train at McNeil, twelve miles above here, on the afternoon of Oct. 12 and were sentenced to fifty and forty-five years, respectively, in the State penitentiary.

### Twenty Years for Criminal Assault.

The jury at Newport, Ky., in the case of George Gerret, indicted for criminal assault on Mrs. Gleason, brought in a verdict of guilty, and fixed the penalty at twenty years in the penitentiary, but the sentence was commuted to a fine of \$10,000.

### Against Sunday Mails.

The following resolution was passed by the M. E. Conference in Asheville: "We, the Western North Carolina Conference of the M. E. Church, South, do most earnestly but respectfully petition you, and through you, His Excellency, the President, to forbid the transmission of any mails on Sunday and order the closing of all post-offices throughout the United States on that day." Five young men were admitted into the Conference. The Conference will meet in Winston next year.

### THE GREAT TURKEY.

The turkey is a very common bird in Davidson County. It is a very useful bird, and is much valued by the people. The turkey is a very good eating bird, and is much valued by the people. The turkey is a very good eating bird, and is much valued by the people.



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### WILD FIGHT IN AN ENGINE CAB.

On a freight train dashing forward over the Louisville & Nashville road at the rate of thirty miles an hour, two men, one black and crazed by drink, the other white, engaged in a life and death struggle in the cab of the locomotive, which ended in the death of the negro and the miraculous escape from the same fate by the white man.

### Scandal on the Halifax Farm.

A special to the Charlotte (N. C.) Observer from Weldon says: Another Kirby Smith case has cropped out. This time it is at the Halifax State farm, and the old doctor in charge is accused of undue intimacy with the female convicts. His resignation was asked for and handed in in ten minutes and the doctor has left.

### Masons to Assist.

Grand Master Moore, at the request of the Masons of North Carolina, will call a special committee of the Grand Lodge to assist in the laying of the corner stone of the monument erected to the memory of the late United States Senator Vance at Asheville. The ceremonies will occur early in December.

### Policemen Stand Guard.

Two big policemen stand guard before the School of Medicine in Louisville, Ky., every day at the time the Girls' high school is dismissed. Their duty is to prevent the medical students from flirting with the young women of the high school. The two institutions adjourn.

### Number Killed by Football.

The New York World says that this far this season eight persons have been killed in football games and 268 maimed. 17 of these for life.

### Southern Railway

FIRST AND SECOND DIVISIONS. In effect May 2, 1897.

This Condensed Schedule is published as information only and is subject to change without notice to the public.

RICHMOND TO CHARLOTTE.

Station	No. 9	No. 11	No. 17
	W. D.	D. D.	D. D.
Richmond	5:00	7:00	8:30
York	6:00	8:00	9:30
Washington	7:00	9:00	10:30
Fredericksburg	8:00	10:00	11:30
Spotsylvania	9:00	11:00	
Stafford	10:00	12:00	
Warrenton	11:00	1:00	
Stafford	12:00	2:00	
Spotsylvania	1:00	3:00	
Fredericksburg	2:00	4:00	
Washington	3:00	5:00	
York	4:00	6:00	
Richmond	5:00	7:00	8:30

THROUGH SCHEDULES (Southbound).

Station	No. 11	No. 87
	Daily	Daily
Lv. Washington	10:40	11:15
Ar. Alexandria	11:15	11:45
Ar. Newmarket	11:45	12:15
Ar. Quantico	12:15	12:45
Ar. Stafford	12:45	1:15
Ar. Warrenton	1:15	1:45
Ar. Stafford	1:45	2:15
Ar. Spotsylvania	2:15	2:45
Ar. Fredericksburg	2:45	3:15
Ar. Washington	3:15	3:45
Ar. York	3:45	4:15
Ar. Richmond	4:15	4:45

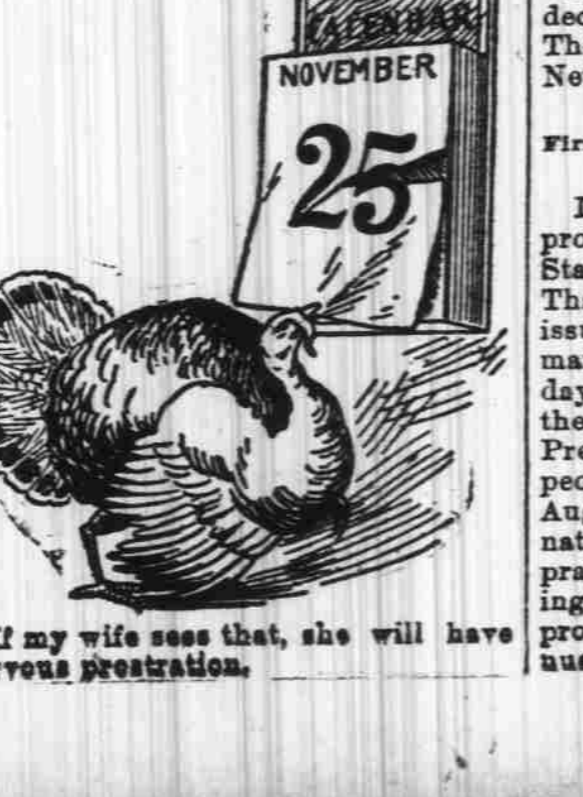
SLEEPING CAR SERVICE.

Station	No. 9	No. 11	No. 17
	Daily	Daily	Daily
Lv. Richmond	5:00	7:00	8:30
Ar. York	6:00	8:00	9:30
Ar. Washington	7:00	9:00	10:30
Ar. Fredericksburg	8:00	10:00	11:30
Ar. Spotsylvania	9:00	11:00	
Ar. Stafford	10:00	12:00	
Ar. Warrenton	11:00	1:00	
Ar. Stafford	12:00	2:00	
Ar. Spotsylvania	1:00	3:00	
Ar. Fredericksburg	2:00	4:00	
Ar. Washington	3:00	5:00	
Ar. York	4:00	6:00	
Ar. Richmond	5:00	7:00	8:30

the village, were slowly blasting their way into a hard conglomerate rock, following a small vein of pyrites that the credulous farmer believed to be veritable gold. On arriving at the spot he watched their operations for some time with great interest, and finally at the invitation of Farley, descended into the shaft.

The neighbors had been predicting disaster to John Carey's mine, owing to the dissipated character of the men employed by Farley, and it seemed

to be probably due to the fact that these early Thanksgiving Day fowling chanced to bring down a generous supply of plump wild turkeys that we have immortalized the turkey of later days, making it our national Thanksgiving Day bird.



If my wife sees that, she will have nervous prostration.