

his child in words that brought tears

to the render's oyes and then he turned passionately to the old days,

The letter fell from her fingers. She

felt as one must feel with the earth

life. Toward him and toward that lit-

before Thanksgiving Sylvia wont ear-

ly to choir practice, and Miss Barbara

nations scented the air, and Ophelia,

the cat, purred lazily at intervals.

Outside a round full moon shone high

"Fire ! fire ! fire !" shouted a voice in

murs that rose tumultuously in the air. She was soon in the midst of the

the smoke blackened sky a glowing mass of triumphant fire. There was

no longer hope of saving it, though the hose still played upon it. The

Her rescuer made no motion to release

her, and, startled and annoyed, she

face turned white. She was gazing in-

and questioned her of the future.

#### WALTER B. BELL, Editor. VOL. IV.

## ELKIN, N. C., THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1895.

CAUSES FOR THANKFULNESS For all that God in mercy sends; For health and children, home and friends For comfort in the time of need, For every kin fly word and deed, For happy thou ;hts and holy talk, For guidance in our daily walk-For everything give thanks

For beauty in this world of ours, For verlant grass and lovely flowers Forgong of birds, for hum of bees For the refreshing summer breeze, For hill and plain, for streams and wood, For the great ocean's mighty flood-For everything give thanks!

For the sweet sleep that comes at night, For the returning morning's light, For the bright sun that shines on high, For the stars glittering in the sky, For these and everything we see, O Lord ! our hearts we lift to Thee-For everything give thanks!

-Ellen Isabella Tupper.

# Miss Barbara's Lover.

A THANKSOIVING STORY. SHALL!"



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"I shall! garden for the benefit of the neighbors' hens, and I will kill one if I can. Just see that-and that!"

countenance.

Her indignant finger indicated the sponse the refractory patient sub-maioes lying in red ruins at her mitted to the touch of the skillful tomatoes lying in red ruins at her feet, then the ragged corn that rose forlornly further on. The currant bushes were still stirring where the last marander had scuttled through. Sylvia suddenly smiled.

"Auntic, it's a fowl theft," she said. "It is-and, as I can't stop it by fair means, I'll try fowl," responded Miss Barbara, grimly, beginning with restrained vigor to gather up the pecked tomatoes and lay them on the grape trellis.

"Are you prepared to go to law, nuntie?"

"I am prepared to do anything-on my side of the fence. Go in to your embroidery, Sylvia--you're of no use as a scarcerow."

She waved her trowel martially, and Sylvia fled in laughing haste. The silence that is vocal with birds and insects and rustling leaves settled over the garden, where Miss Barbara's energetic figure bade defiance to the thermometer. Charles Dudley War-

much be-



EVERY BIRD MAS HIS DAY.

accident with an inscrutable counte- from the woodshed, Miss Sylvia came There was wrath nance. He was a calm, keen-eyed man, on the scene inquiring: 'Did you bit whose resolute orders soon cleared one, auntie? I hope it's that old roosin Miss Barbara's tones and deterthe house of superfluous attendants. mination in her His attentions were received with in-"I gratitude by his patient until he held they thought he was a crazy man. I an odroous substance near the injured Well, they called in a doctor, and he "But, auntic-" didn't make this face and said gently :

"I want to help you--I am a doctor --it's all right." The dull eyes wavered an instact on his face. "Is it? I thought it wasn't--I hope

you know"-with this murmured re-

"History repeats itself, Fordham." The speaker, a serene-faced man of and in the areades of their lower imposing presence, advanced leisurely floors were heaped jewels, silverwork,

imposing presence, advanced leisurely into the private office of a well-known lawyer in Bombay. "So I have beard," said the latter, glancing up with a smile of welcome. The visitor settled leisurely into a seat, where he received the beneficence sent, where he received the beneficence of the punkah swung from the ceiling. Both men wore full suits of white linen, that, despite the unutterable heat, retained their iresh crispness. "Marrying and giving in marriage the satiny shine of bare bronze limbs -the world keeps on in the same old and chests. Little public hackeries,

way," said Emmett, comfortably. "Tais has been borne in upon me since the arrival of the American mail yesterday." mail yesterday."

"Yon had news from your brother !" "Yon had news from your brother !" the throngs, and a pet ram with gilded horns accompanied its Brahmin mas-accustomed to the pleasing certainty that all the words in his letters will be thermometer. Charles Dudley War-ner once spent a summer in a garden, and has remarked in consequence that he likes neighbors and likes chickens, but he does not think they ought to him warmly. She endured much before informing her genial, easy-going the acquisition to your family- the residence district of the wealthy neighbor of the mischief his hens probably your example recommended foreigners. At the entrance to his this step to your youthful brother as "Possibly-by the almanac, but to ing the renovating effect of a bath. my recollection he is still a bidder for negligee of India silk and became ac-cessible to his little daughter, a lovely tips and spankings. The next mail these, with the course of events, may child with pale little face like a flower. compass my comprehension of his She had been motherless for a year. feathered head protruded through the present legal age. I shall reply on He took her on his knee and drew out pickets, the round, unwinking eyes of your assistance, Fordham. The most the little story of her day; then he charming girl in the world, you told her fairy tales-dainty fancies, exquisite josting that older and less know." "Of course"-an answering smile sparkled over Fordham's dark face. amszed to hear from the keen-tongued 'Knowing that you had honored the lawyer. Then the little one's ayah came to carry her to bed. State of the wooden nutmeg by being Miss Barbara was walking slowly homeward through the dusk. Faded leaves dropped softly about her and of any information you may be able to the mellow air was smoky with bonimpart, provided your fee is reason-able." fires. These Indian summer days heralded the approach of Thanksgiv-"I believe it is one of your maxims, ing, but the remembrance gave her no my friend, that time equals money- pleasure. For some reason-she atplants, among the corp. A pause it is a period of seventeen years, more tributed it to Sylvia's recent romance equal to a legislative deadlock fol- or less, that you desire me to cover. I -her thoughts persistently reverted or less, that you desire me to cover. I -her thoughts persistently reverted will undertake the case for 1000 ru- to a long-gone Thanksgiving Day that r ses down." "Done I You recollect that I always pay in brass. Well, the name of this young lady who will soon have the after stick of it flew, like a kind of hail, telling upon the tomatoes if not upon the bens. Miss Barbara was not she resides at present in the town of Not until then did Miss Barbara disunawaro of the facts in the case, but Brampton, county of Brown, State miss the man he had accounted his felt that if she could not kill it was a of Connecticut, U. S. A. Do any of rival. Their world had held her relief to try. One audacious old hen these cognomens cause the chords of blameworthy in the affair-perhaps in particular aroused this murderous memory to vibrate in your patriotic she had held horself so. Certainly life had looked darker to her in those days "Yes," said the lawyer, laying his than it looked now. She went clowly chased that hen and shied her last stick after it as it flapped wildly college friend of the name of Nutting. Far within a girlish voice sang happily around the corner. To her horror a harp ejaculation in a man's voice cut the air. Her final effort had made an impression, but not upon the hen. She turned the corner hastily and be-held a stranger preesing both hands around the corner hastily and be-held a stranger preesing both hands by his she called softly; "such a queer look-which ing thing-I laid it on the piano." impart the information given by his brother upon the subject, which proved beyond doubt she identity of It was a foreign-looking letter, and the young lady's father with Ford-ham's college friend. "You will appreciate the first meet-

in the sky, and the frosty ground sparkled in its radiance ter.' And then Tom saw fireworks and all the stars. He was half senseless the street. Miss Barbara rushed to the window; before she reached it the demoniae shrick of the fire whistle, prokept the boy a prisoner there for six weeks—he and Miss Sylvia, and the result, you see, is a sister-in-law." longed and awful, smote upon her ears. Then came the sound of run-ning feet. Snatching up a shawl, sho hastily locked the door and joined in

"A charming result, I have no doubt," said Fordham. "It's a strika wild race toward the swelling muring story." They left the office together and onoxcitement, but paused in the out-skirts of the crowd. It was a barn that was burning, and it stood out against tered the lawyer's gharry that stood waiting in the street. Tall and state-

ly white buildings cast welcome shadows along the wide thoroughfare,

### SONS OF THE REVOLUTION. Second Annual Convention of the North

Carolina Society. The second annual convention of the North Carolina Society of the Sons of rocking under foot. Was the old love dead in her beart — dead like the mother of his child? She thought of that grave under the Indian palms, and the Revolution was held Thursday, in Raleigh, at the Supreme Court building, pursuant to adjournment, as no quorum had been present on Novem-ber 15, the date prescribed by the bylaws.

a feeling rose slow and strong out of her heart. No-his part in her life had ended years before. She did not hold herself blameless, but she had suffered once; she had no wish to suf-A quoram being duly announced, the convention proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year t fer again. She could not change the follows: Governor Elias Carr, pres pleasant, settled boundaries of her dent; Hon. Kemp P. Battle, LL. D vice-president; Mr. Marshall DeLance tle child of his her thoughts would Haywood, secretary; Prof. D. H. Hil registrar; Rev. Robert Brent Drane ever go kindly-but his part in her life was over. She sent her answer before she slept; and life went on as D, D., chaplain. Dr. H. B. Battl who was re-nominated for treasure if it had not paused. On the evening asked leave to withdraw his nam owing to the pressure of other bu-ness. With this request the societ sat down to read the city paper, which had just arrived. A glowing fire snapped in the grate, half a dozen carreluctantly complied, and unanimousl elected Herbert Jackson, Esq., as h

The board of managers was elected as follows: Capt. S. A. Ashe, Hon. A C. Avery, Dr. H. B. Battle, M. B. Beckwith, Major Graham Daves, D P. E. Hines, Col. A. Q. Holladay Hon. Thomas S. Kenan, Capt. Josep D. Myers, and the officers ez-offici

As delegates to the General Couver tion, which assembles in Savannal Ga., next April, Major Graham Daves Mr. Heriot Clarkson, Col. A. Q. Ho laday, Hon. A. C. Avery and Mr. H C. Beckwith were chosen. The follow ing gentlemen were selected as alter nates: Dr. Richard Dillard, Ma Herbert W. Jackson, Dr. P. E. Hines Mr. A. B. Andrews, Jr., and Mr. Marshall Delancy Haywood.9! Col. Kenan, Mr. Haywood and Mr.

Andrews were approinted a committee to inquire into the practicability of re-publishing Jones' Defense of North Carolins. This valuable contribution to State history, which is now out of print, was published in the first half of the present century, and will be re-printed by the society if it meets with sufficient encouragement to justify the expense.

#### Mills in North Carolina.

sprung loose and charged wildly for-ward. Miss Barbara felt herself snatched up and borne persistently through the shricking crowd into a desorted street white with moonlight. The annual r-port of State Labor Commissioner Lacey has been made public. Regarding mills it gives the following valuable information, which shows North Carolina's progress: turned her gaze full upon him; the next instant her breath stopped, her There are 150 cotton and woollen mills in active operation and 11 in course of construction. There are 913,458 spindles and 24,858 looms. This is a very good showing when the fact is considered that in 1870 there were only 30,000 spindles. There are 15,752 persons employed in the mills and the amount of capital employed is \$15,000,000 or about \$952 to each employee. Of these there are 4,888 men, 157 women and 4,689 children, of whom 1,558 are under 4 years of age. The mills have consumed 128,658,000 pounds of eotton, or about 309,000 bales. Twenty-six counties have produced 79,473,949 pounds of yarn, thirteen have produced 8,742,955 yards of domestics; six have produced 51,-737,547 yards of plaids; two counties, Forsyth and Cabarrus, have produced two million yards of woollen goods, Forsyth leading with 1,800,000.



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wrought daily in her garden. She had endured more since the complaint, if eminently desirable. Let us see-he complaint it could be called, had must be about twenty-five now?" proved a failure, and neither faith, hope nor charity remained to soothe her soul. Suddenly an inquiring "eluck" struck her ear with the effect | will bring out her picture and his, and of an electric battery. It came from the other side of the fence. A yellow a hen surveyed the premises, another serene "cluck" sounded, and the plump boly followed the head. Miss Barbara cautiously arose, her expression full of martial fire.

Unconscious of impending evil the invaders wriggled their way through born there," continued Emmett. until a large and cheerful company had assembled. In pleasant expect-ancy they gathered around the laden of this young lady, and I shall be glad tomato vines. Suddenly and with vengeful force a missile descended into their very midst. Squawking wildly, the startled hens scuttled into the currant bushes, under the tomato lowed. Then one hen after another cautiously emerged and presently gravitated toward the tomate vines. Again Miss Barbara seized on vengeance and the stove wood. Stick after stick of it flew, like a kind of feeling. Down the grape walk, over breast?' the beet bed, up to the door she stick after it as it flapped wildly held a stranger pressing both hands against his battered head as he looked savagely at her. Consternation, contrition, mortification, animated her countenance; self-mastery slowly

calmed his. "Did you hit one, suntie? I hope it's that old rooster!" sounded sud-denly from the woodshed. The face

Miss Barbara's face grew white. Was this an escaped lunatic? The man's feding eyes brightened as they fell upon Sylvia.

"The flowers of paradine," he whispered, and threw his arms out uncer-

conscious unless touched, when he sumt of his fature flancee at a sinful striven to bear the consequences of evinced a thorough knowledge of box- old hen that had astray from its rightconscious unless louched, ing. The doctor on his crrival lis- ful premises. The blow nearly knocked them until the burden fell from his but if we're lucky we will celebrate tened to Miss Barbara's account of the boy under. The sunt appeared shoulders at a grave. He spoke of the day after, "-Judge.

of the stranger turned ghastly. "I thought it was a man lived in the moon," he murmured. "What made you hurl it at me?" the country on one of those solitary the ordinary boated pate. Define her boated tool the next moment she sat down to read it. With deliberate care she opened the envelope. It contained many thin sheets written over in a clear, manly pedestrian tramps he pretends to en-joy, and happened to pass through the signature, and read the name that this little town of Brampton. It was what they consider there a hot day. Tom had covered a stretch of ten miles written between the lines of the story or so, and, happening to behold a he told briefly. He had left his native shiny tin cup on the hydrant in a yard land hot with passion and the smart

pered, and threw his arms out uncer-tainly. "No, it hurts too much to pick them," he muttered, and sank with a groan upon the steps. Sylvia's wide, startled eyes met Darbara's. The latter laid her finger on her lips and motioned towards the next house. With a five minutes sev-eral neighbors had gathered around the prostrate man, who appeared un-conscions unless loached, when he

"Barbara-" A loose board shot suddenly down

under his feet-the other end went up, Miss Barbara went down. She tried bungalow Emmett alighted and Fordham rolled on toward his own home. It was not far, and he was soon enjoyto rise, but fell back helplossly. Fordham dropped on his knees beside her, He replaced his white garments with a speaking passionately. "I am not hurt," she said, her lips

white and set, "it is only my foot-I am afraid-I must have a carriage.' Many weeks elapsed bafore Miss Barbara was able to walk again. During those weeks Fordham received her let-

ter, which had been forwarded from Bombay. He had been too wise to intisaato listeners would have been await it there. Emmett had smiled genially as he changed the address upon that letter. He had always known that more of Fordham's heart

lay in the crib of his child than in the grave of his wife, but had not before divined that his own communications concerning "United States bonds," as he would have phrased it, were responsible for his friend's sudden journey across the seas. Fordham laid the letter unopened in Miss Barbara's lap. He knew the answer it contained, but the writer had verbally admitted that with only one foot to go upon she found it impossible to escape from fute.

#### An All-Round Thanksziving Dinner.

Bronco Pete-"Whar's th' turkey ?" Alkali Ike-"I set him outside to ool, an' th' cat et him."

Bronco Pete .-. "Whar's the cat?" Alkali Ikr-"A cayote et him. Bronco Pete-"Whar's th' cayote?" Alkali Iko-"Th' greyhound et

Bronco Pote-"Whar's th' greypound?

Alkali Iko- "An Injan et him." Bronco Bete-"Whar's th' Injun!" Alkali Ike-"A grizzly et him." Bronco Pets-"Whar's th' grizzly?" Alkali Ike-"Out thar." Bronco Pote-"Waal, we'll have ter eat th' grizzly, Ike; but I hate ter

take th' leavin's uv a Thanksgiving turkey like that."-Harper's Bazar.

## A November Wail,

The wild November comes at last Beneath a veil of rain; The night wind blows its folds aside, Her face is full of pain.

But wait till wild November's gone, When glad Thanksgiving's fare Is eaten, with fts ples and cakes, That pain will be chewhere.

Asticipation,

Baby Turkey-"Mamma, do we celebrate Thanksgiving?" Mamma Turkey-"No. my dear :

#### ELLINGTON IS LIBRARIAN.

The State Supreme Court Affirms the Decision of the Court Below.

The Supreme Court on Monday filed its opinion in the "State Librarian case," affirming the judgment of the court below. The decision is in favor of the present Librarian, the court holding that the alleged election of the plaintiff Stanford by the Legislature was not a valid election.

The decision involves the single question as to whether, when the presence of a quorum of a legislative body is once manifested by a vote taken, the presumption that such quorum remains present validates an election when a less number than a quorum votes upon the roll-call. The Sapreme Court hold that it does not, but that the presemption of the continuance of the quorum is rebutted by the fact that no quorum voted when the election was held.

#### THE CALIFORNIA RIOTERS.

Their Conviction for Conspiracy Con firmed by the Supreme Court.

The conviction of W. H. Clune and others local officers of the American Bailway Union for conspiracy to obstruct the passage of mails on the Southern Pacific Railroad In California during the railroad strike of 1894. was affirmed in the Supreme court of the United States Monday, Judge Brower deliv-ering the c inion. The sentence imposed upon the prisoners by Judge Ross was im-prisonment for eighteen months.

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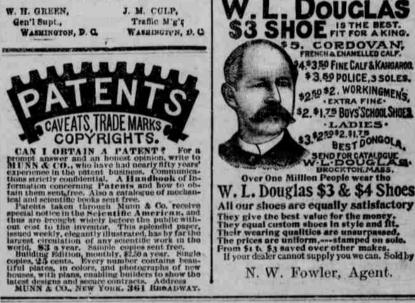
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