

A THANKSGIVING INSPIRATION

HOW A FASTER AND HIS YOUNG PEOPLE MADE TWO HUNDRED SOULS HAPPY



I was in the early winter of '00. I had undertaken the pastorate of a small church in a country town in central New York, and was desirous of reviving the interest of a young people's club. Thanksgiving was approaching, and I was anxious that the society should undertake something which would promote the spirit of the day. The county house, containing about 200 of the poor and insane, was located two miles from the town, and I conceived the plan of having our society give them a genuine Thanksgiving treat. At the first meeting of the society I made the suggestion. Of course, it interested the young people, but—then there came the difficulties. How could twelve or fifteen young people, poor ones at that, with a burden already too heavy to bear, contribute to the happiness of 200? Expense, labor, time—all the costly factors in such undertakings, loomed up, and though bright eyes sparkled and cheeks glowed at the thought, the young people sadly shook their heads, fearing the undertaking beyond their ability. I had, however, planned the matter in my own mind, and having faith that we would not be left to our own resources in the matter, I laid bare my plans, and finally, by vote, committed the society to the undertaking.

Invited in and introduced by the keeper and given the opportunity to convey to them the greetings of the loving hearts which had inspired the kindly remembrance. After a few words by the pastor the responses began. One



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by one, beginning at the head of the table, and passing around it, the whole 100 gave oral testimony to their gratitude for the kindly consideration. We sometimes say we cannot pray and speak in prayer meeting. If we were incarcerated in the poor house and some kindly friend remembered us, we would speak. Our tongues would not be tied. "God bless you, sir, the longest day you live for your thoughtfulness." "Say thank you for one to your young people, sir. I never seed such a spread in my life before." "I thank you, and our Heavenly Father for you." "This is a sad Thanksgiving to me, but this bright ray of sunshine makes it less dreary. I thank you." Such were the expressions of gratitude we heard. Some of them seemed like the wailing up of the great frozen depths—the melting again into emotion of hearts that had become hard and flinty. The expression of their gratitude well-weighed broke our hearts.

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VERY GRATEFUL HEART



A Thanksgiving Acrostic.

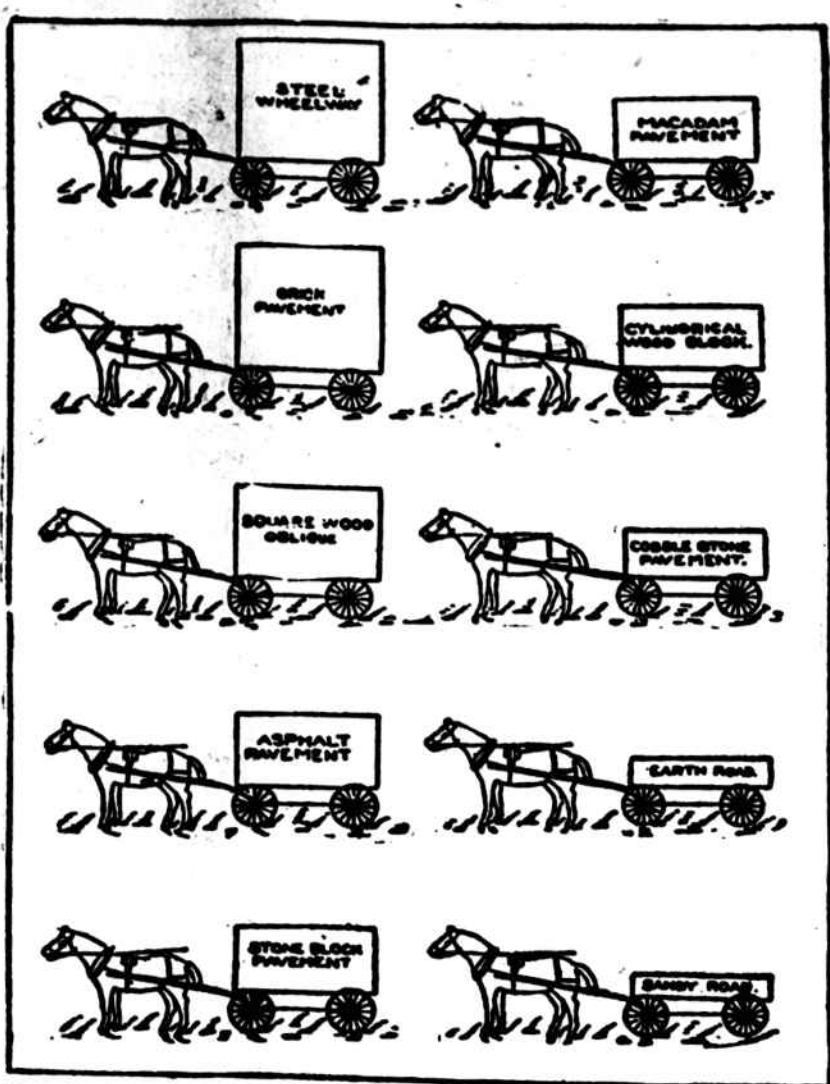
T's for the turkey so toothsome and good.
H is for holiday, well understood.
A's for the apples which make sauce and pie.
N's for the noise of the children knee-high.
K's for the kitchen where good things are made.
S is for spices and sweet marmalade.
G's for the games which we play until night.
I's for the ices so cold and so white.
V's for the vines which encircle each plate.
N's for the nuts, and the raisins, you know.
G's for the gratitude we all should show.

SEASON OF GOOD CHEER.

Thanksgiving Day an Occasion for General Rejoicing.

Next Thursday, by proclamation provided, every civilized corner of this country will throb with the thanksgiving spirit and resound with hymns

VALUE OF IMPROVED ROADWAYS.

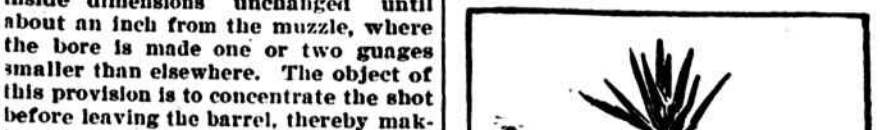


The accompanying diagram is an excellent exposition of the value of good roads. This shows the comparative capacity of an animal pulling a load over all of the different kinds of highways which are now in use. The steel highway occupies the first place, and is coming more and more into general use. Its virtues have been demonstrated in a number of instances where it has been put to a practical test. In some of the crowded streets in New York City it has been found that the

rails are of considerable value and in keeping the thoroughfare clear of obstructing teams resulting from the inability of the horses to proceed with the unusual loads which they are expected to draw. It is very evident that all of the improved roadways are of considerable value, not only from the standpoint of the humanitarian, but from that of the horse owners who are interested in moving the greatest quantity of material with the use of fewest animals.

A SHOTGUN ATTACHMENT.

Writing from Brazer Iron Works, St. Lawrence County, Robert H. Smith makes a suggestion that will interest many sportsmen. "I send you a rude sketch of an attachment for a single barrel shotgun. The taper system of choke boring gun barrels leaves the inside dimensions unchanged until about an inch from the muzzle, where the bore is made one or two gauges smaller than elsewhere. The object of this provision is to concentrate the shot before leaving the barrel, thereby making a better pattern, or throwing more pellets in a circle of a given size. Unfortunately, these guns will not shoot buckshot, and every hunter has at some time in his life desired to use these heavy shot. My invention makes both a cylinder and choke bore of a single gun. It consists of two shot sections, either of which may be screwed on to the end of the barrel. One of these is choke bore, and the other has a cylinder bore for buckshot. Thus I make practically two guns out of one. This ought to prove a boon to sport loving men who could not afford to buy more than one."



In Mr. Smith's drawing the tip of the barrel is shown at B, and it is screw threaded. One of the adjustable muzzles—that having a choke bore, is indicated by M, and on the attachment is a sight, S.

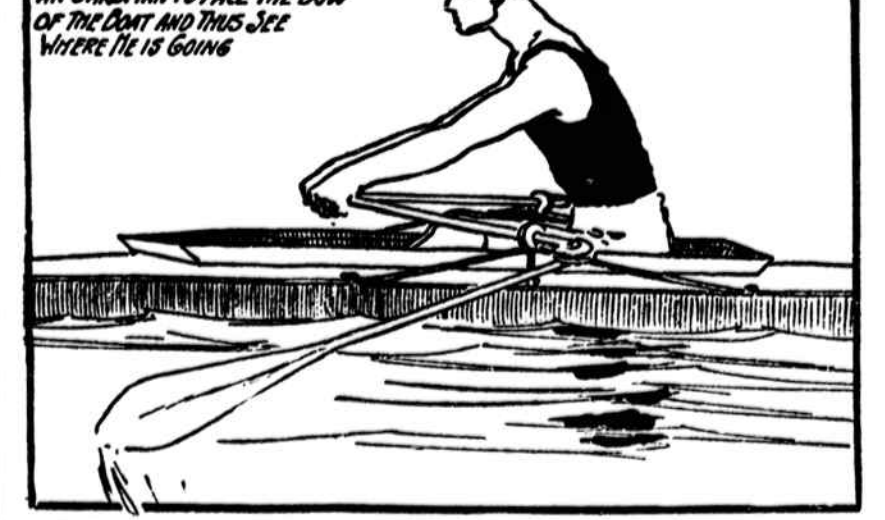
A SPANISH "SOLDIER."

Miss A. Milne Home writes to The Strand: "I took this snap-shot in Spain, at La Zubia, a small town about two miles from Granada. The 'soldier' is a most surprising object to come upon suddenly. He is cut out of a single tree, and is therefore all in one piece. Branches have been neatly adapted to make his fingers, which, it will be observed, have a somewhat knotted and gouty appearance. A flower pot forms the head, while a plant of aloes makes a very fine plumed headdress. His uniform is painted in the most realistic way, so that altogether he has a most ferocious appearance. In the garden where he stands the great Queen Isabella, the Catholic, was saved from falling into the hands of the Moors by hiding in a laurel bush. A monument marks the spot."



The longest continuous stairway in the world is that which leads to the tower of the Philadelphia City Hall. It has 508 steps.

PATENTED OARS WHICH ENABLE AN OARSMAN TO FACE THE DOWN OF THE BOAT AND THUS SEE WHERE HE IS GOING



HE'D HAVE OARSMEN FACE ABOUT.

New attractions are expected to be lent to rowing by the device of a Belgian which enables the oarsman to face in the direction the boat is moving. Rowing in the ordinary way has its disadvantages, as every one knows who has suddenly bumped into another boat or some other obstruction. The Belgian invention is designed to obviate the necessity of turning the head in order to see that the course is clear. The movements of the oarsman are the same as if he were rowing with his back to the bow. Each oar is in two parts, jointed and fitted to the oarlock, the parts being connected with each other by a sector or toothed gear, working between two plates furnished with axes, upon which the sectors

NEW IDEAS IN JEWELRIES

New York City.—Pretty frocks that are suited to dancing school and party wear are always in demand for young girls. The best are made on simple



GIRLS PARTY DRESS.

yards of all-over lace for yoke and cuffs when high neck and long sleeves are desired.

An Everyday Suit. A neat little everyday suit is made of navy broadcloth, the jacket and skirt trimmed with wide flat silk braid. The collar and belt are of velvet and are edged around with the braid.

"Leg o' Mutton" Sleeves. The "leg o' mutton" model makes the latest fashionable sleeve, but is shown in many variations, always retaining its essential shape, which is large above the elbow, and tapers below. The two shown are among the best and are peculiarly well adapted to remodeling, as well as to the new gowns and waists. The sleeve to the left is shown in cashmere with the cuff effective, with the plain portion of lace while the upper is of the material, whenever such combination is desirable. The sleeve to the right is made of crepe de Chine and is full for its entire length, in mousquetaire style, and can be finished plain, as illustrated, or with a frill at the wrist, as may be liked.

The sleeve consists of the fitted foundation, which is the same for both, the mousquetaire sleeve and the sleeve that is plain below the elbow with the shaped cuff. The mousquetaire sleeve is gathered at the seam edges and again at the top and arranged over the foundation, the inner seams being closed together. The sleeve that is

A Late Design by May Manton.



three-quarter sleeves or high neck with long sleeves. As illustrated it is made of pale pink silk and wool crepe de Chine with ecru lace, but there are many materials equally appropriate. Cashmere will be very appropriate for the winter through, and is charming for all frocks of the sort, albatross is also available and the very thin simple silks are quite correct.

The frock is made with the waist and the skirt. The waist consists of the fitted foundation, which can be faced to form a yoke or cut out to give the low round neck as desired. The waist itself is made with fronts and backs gathered at both upper and lower edges, and can be finished with the bertha or with a simple flat band, as shown in the small view. The sleeves consist of full puffs with circular frills. The skirt consists of an upper portion, cut in deep points, and a gathered flounce, which is straight at its upper edge and joined to the upper portion above the points, the latter falling over it between the shirrings.

The quantity of material required for the medium size (ten years) is ten yards twenty-one inches wide, eight and one-half yards twenty-seven inches wide or five yards forty-four inches wide, with twenty yards of insertion to make as illustrated, three-fourth



"LEG O' MUTTON" SLEEVES—SMALL, MEDIUM, LARGE.

All over laces are again exceedingly fashionable, especially the finer qualities. Allover Valenciennes, Mechlin and Aiguillon are in great demand for waists and even entire gowns. These allover laces are accompanied by dotting in the same mesh and pattern, to finish skirt, bertha and sleeves with. Among the novelties of two-toed laces are seen Willow green, id ecru, champagne and Delft blue, cream, ivory and "butter" color.

The Wash Petticoat. An immense amount of individual attention is being bestowed on wash petticoats, and it has consequently become almost an unpardonable sin to fall feebly back upon the commonplace embroidery quality. Delicate self-colored cambrics generously flounced and finely tucked carry the insignia of the season's best approval, and these have the further attraction of a reasonable price, as also the spotted variety on a white ground, the flounces of the latter buttonholed round their edge with fine flax thread.

The Young People's Society

Helping Hand Church

IS desirous of giving the poor and unfortunate in our County Alma House and Asylum a Thanksgiving treat, and to that end are willing to be the almoners of the gifts of generously disposed persons. If you will kindly fill this bag with confectionery, nuts, foreign and domestic fruit or candies, we will see that they are conveyed to them. The bags and contents will be called for on the evening before Thanksgiving Day.

"Blessed is he that considereth the poor. The Lord will deliver him in time of trouble. The Lord will keep him alive and he shall be blessed upon the earth. The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing. Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness." —Ps. 41:1-3.

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—From Harper's Bazar.

of praise for the bountiful blessings of the year. The most sober celebration on the American calendar, Thanksgiving is yet an occasion for general rejoicing and feasting, and it is always heralded with joyous anticipations. And this year's observance promises to be most heartily enjoyed by the great mass of people throughout the land.

It is an occasion that opens the great, broad heart of the country to the distress of the unfortunate, when the millionaire is (sometimes) thankful he has financial strings to unloosen, when the luxuriously comfortable indulge in unusual luxuries, when one struggling tradesman is satisfied with a medium sized turkey when the ragged child of poverty gets only a small of the savory dishes of the day and philosophically murmurs that he is thankful to be alive. However, there are few unfortunate unprovided for on this festive anniversary. The inmates of hospitals, jails, poorhouses and other public institutions all fare generously, and even the homeless outcast renews acquaintance with edibles that have long been strangers to his stomach. Thanksgiving is a day for pleasant family reunions, when the widely scattered members of a once united household gather at bountiful dinners of roast turkey, plum pudding, mince and pumpkin pies, etc.

Sonnet.—Thanksgiving Day. Thanksgiving Day! The memory of our sires Comes o'er us at the murmur of thy name; And once again we see them as they came Wary and heartick, hushing their desires For homes and kindred far across the sea. That, without fear or hindrance, they might raise Daily to God their prayers and hymns of praise. And walk His paths in all humility. We knew thee first in sixteen twenty-one: The shores of bleak New England claim thy birth; And though thy cradle buried was in snow, And chill November winds, with icy tone, Hushed thee to sleep, yet now with joy We celebrate that day of long ago. —Louise Boyd.

Correct. Bread and sage and pepper, Chestnut, thyme and oyster, Mingled with some sausage balls, Just to make it moister. Browned till crisp and fragrant, Then you strike the graduate, Stuffing that's the stuffing that Turkey dreams are made of. —Judge.