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John's Thanksgiving.

By Willis Brooks.
John Eddy blamed the laggard night,
So early was his day begun,
He breakfasted by candle light,
And toiled amid till set of sun.
Then by the glow a lantern shed
His cows were milked, his stock
Was fed,
And all his evening chores were done
Before he tumbled into bed.

One autumn morning, on his way,
The parson stopped and urged
him so
To come to church Thanksgiving
Day.

That John at last resolved to go,
But to the parson's deep regret,
He still denied Creation's debt.
"What thanks," said John, "do
farmers owe
For working hard for all they get?"

In church that day John Eddy
dreamed
He saw the sun in splendor rise,
Yet from a thankless world, it
seemed,

No welcome went to greet the
sun;
No chirping insect voice was
raised;
The birds in heedless silence
gazed;

And there, before his wondering
eyes,
A morning came unsung, unpraised.

Then rolling thunder shook the
land:
"Ungrateful world!" it seemed to
say;
And from above a mighty hand
Swept down and bore the sun
away.

Too late the field and forest vied
In pleading song; in vain they cried
For one sweet hour of blessed
day,
Which tardily they glorified.

John Eddy, waking, spoke as one
Who entertained a novel thought:
"How little man himself has done!
How much for him has Nature
wrought!"

What lavish gifts of sun and
shower
Thanksgiving comes, or come it
ought,
To fructify the field and flower!
Not once a year, but every hour."
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WHY GIVE THANKS

Manifold Blessings Accorded to This Nation.

Surely One Needs Only a Few Moments' Reflection to Realize the Causes for Gladness.

It is written of Plato that, "looking through the dim spectacles of nature, he gave thanks to God for three things: First, that he was created a man and not a beast. Second, that he was born a Grecian and not a barbarian. Third, that he was born a possible philosopher."

If this represents the pagan ideal of gratitude, it is in marked contrast to the Christian ideal. A bonstful spirit has no place in true thanksgiving to God. The Pharisee who went up to the temple to pray and thanked God that he was not as other men, was roundly rebuked by Christ for his presumption. The last place for one to display his egotism should be before the throne of God. "Whosoever will be great among you, let him be your minister," said Christ. It is a time for true humility of spirit.

Now that this nation has grown rich beyond the dreams of the austere pioneers, do Americans of today recognize the source of their manifold blessings, and will they with true humility acknowledge their gratitude to the giver of all good gifts, "forgetting not all his benefits?"

America is today the richest and most powerful nation of the earth, and it is this very opulence that leads the people, most liberally blessed of all, to neglect to remember the source of good. In days of opulence and power men are prone to put their trust in themselves and to underestimate those influences that have made them great.

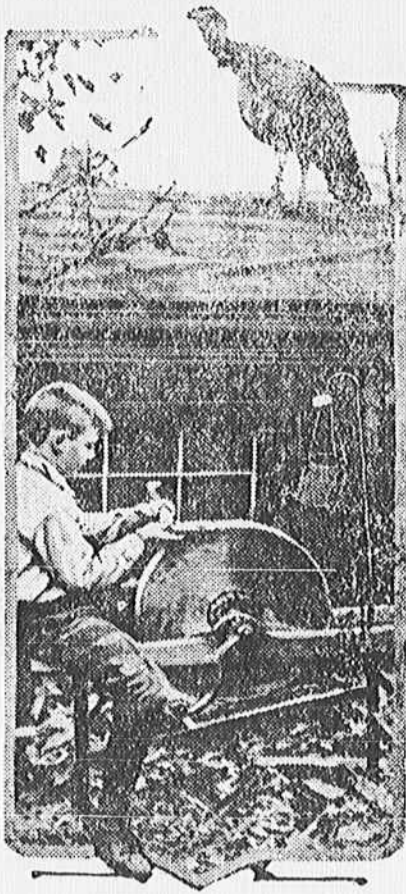
Ingratitude has been called the most popular sin in the world, because it is the result of selfishness or egotism or ambition or whatever the case may be. Nations, being an aggregation of individuals, in their days of power have a tendency to trust in themselves and to disregard the laws of God.—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

Joys to Come.



The pudding bubbled in the pot,
The turkey in the oven
Puffed up so high; the pumpkin pie
Cried out, "hey, stop your shoveling!"
The turkey in the saucepan,
Danced a jig against the lid,
"Crackers popped and skipped and
bumped!"
And sauced the rest—they did,
The pies in this were all a-grog,
The kettles all a-humming,
No wonder—hey and girl alive!
Thanksgiving dinner's coming!

Another King Who is About to Lose His Crown.



OLD TALE RETOLD

Origin of the American Thanksgiving Day.

Will Bear Repetition Annually as Something of Which Every Citizen May Be Proud.

The ancient Thanksgiving did not, as some have fancied, skip down the ages to find its home in America. In one way or another it seems to have always been observed. Throughout Europe, before the Reformation, special days were set apart as days of religious thanksgiving. The American Thanksgiving day is traced back to the Pilgrims.

Shortly after the landing of the Pilgrims, while searching for a suitable place in which to build their homes, they one day came upon some deserted Indian huts, in which they found some baskets filled with corn. From this supply they succeeded in saving enough to plant their first year's crop.

In the spring of 1621 the seed corn was sown and its growing watched anxiously by the people of the little colony. To their great joy, the harvest of the following October was a bountiful one. Governor Bradford ordered a three days' feast in celebration thereof. Wild turkeys, geese, ducks and water fowl, corn bread and vegetables no doubt formed the chief constituents of their feast, not to speak of the five deer brought in by a tribe of friendly Indians.

This festival is supposed to be the first real Thanksgiving day from which we date our celebration. This celebration, although without doubt the origin of our national Thanksgiving day, may be looked upon as merely a local observance, being held by the Plymouth colony only. They were the forerunners of less local celebrations in Massachusetts and gradually in other colonies, for in 1630 a public Thanksgiving day was observed in Boston by the Bay colony, and again in 1631.

During the next fifty years there were as many as 22 public Thanksgiving days appointed in Massachusetts, usually in October or November, after the gathering in of the harvest, or to celebrate some public benefit. It did not become a regular holiday until a long time afterward.

In 1789 Washington issued the famous Thanksgiving proclamation recommending Thursday, November 26, as a national day to be devoted to prayer and Thanksgiving. Washington's example was followed by other Presidents.

In 1863 President Lincoln appointed the fourth Thursday in November as the national Thanksgiving day. Since then the day has been observed annually without interruption.

THANKSGIVING

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Of which every man
has many;
Not on your list
misfortunes,
Of which all men
have some.

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Thanksgiving day is our one national festival that turns on home life. It is not a day of ecclesiastical saints. It is not a patriotic anniversary. It is not a day celebrating a religious event. It is a day of nature. It is a day of thanksgiving for the year's history. And it must pivot on the household. Remember God's bounty brought the year. String the pearls of His goodness. Give this one day to thanks, to joy, to gratitude.—Henry Ward Beecher.



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