



THANKSGIVING

Behold the garnered treasures of the field!
All promises of April are fulfilled:
The earth exhausted with its bounteous yield,
As some brown Samson suddenly o'er-winded,
Shorn of its flowing locks all nerveless lies
A helpless subject to the low'ring skies.

From distant fields come lowing herds of kine
To lie at ease beside the bursting rick,
Content to know, with reason wondrous fine,
If fast or slow the clock of Nature tick,
That shelter, food and drink in plenty wait
To cheer their stay within the farmyard gate.

What though old Winter rouses in the north,
Who fears him now that Plenty reigns supreme?
The honest yeomen lead their children forth
To mingle voices with the grateful stream,
The prayerful rushes and the chanting wood,
In grand thanksgiving to the God of good.

Impatient Love, now weary tasks are done,
Trips all as lightly to the homely town
As fairies sporting where the brooklets run
Through rose-trees nodding in the month of June,
Hope long deferred a sweet fulfillment finds,
As grapes give answer to the bending vines.

Not rural homes alone to-day are blest,
The mother welcomes everywhere her child,
The worldling stands a sinner self-con- fessed
And is again to virtue reconciled,
Thanksgiving for the spirit born of Thee,
O man of God in blessed Galilee!

From lowly vale and lofty mountain peak
Still prayer and praise and glad thank- giving rise:
The strong grow thoughtful of the poor and weak,
The dove of peace from cot to palace flies,
While strange, sweet music wakened by her wings
Thrills every heart till every creature sings.

The Lord in His temple
Never ceases forgiving,
Sing praise to Him, praise to Him,
Praise and Thanksgiving.

THANKSGIBIN' IDA.

"If no one were dead
What service would I render?
I think if we were always glad,
We scarcely could be tender."

It was 24 years ago, on Thank- giving day 1872, that dainty little cards announced to the many friends in society's world that unto Margaret and Edward Stanhope a daughter had been born.

Into the softly lighted, luxurious room where the mother lay, Edward Stanhope walked gently. He sat down beside the bed and held tenderly the hand of the wife and mother.

The white-capped, important-looking nurse, obeying his gesture, brought from his lace and downy nest the tiny, carefully-guarded pink and white mortal and laid it down between them with much careful patting and adjustment of its dainty draperies.

Together the father and mother gazed fondly at the child; the mother with the expression that only mother- love and reverent thankfulness can give to a happy woman's face, while the father's manly countenance showed wonder and paternal love just dawn- ing.

As the husband rose to leave the room, he kissed his wife tenderly, saying: "We have great cause for thankfulness on this day, and always. What more welcome and precious gift could have come to us than this? God grant that she may be the cause of thankfulness to many as the years go on."

And happy Margaret gently pressed his hand as her eyes turned toward their baby daughter with love and thankfulness.

Twenty-four years later this precious little Thanksgiving bundle had unfolded and become to the social world Miss Margaret Stanhope, a lovely and lovable, helpful member of society.

The bell of the Maternity home clanged sharply a week after Thank- giving day of 1895.

A trim matron, in a blue seersucker gown and neat, white apron, answered the bell. The visitor, showing her a slip of newspaper and a card, asked to see Ida.

The nurse glanced inquiringly at the visitor and the card and then read the slip that said: "Housewives who will take women can be supplied by applying to the Children's Aid society." The matron said there was a colored woman there named Ida, and that she could be seen.

faces, scared, white despairing faces of young girls, ashamed of the tiny bundles beside them.

But the dusky face of Ida, with its mournful eyes and patient mouth, was not easily forgotten.

Her emaciated form lay immovably upon the cot and a tiny bundle, wrapped in a coarse flannel blanket, lay beside her. When the blanket was pulled aside, the contents proved to be a small, wriggling stud in mahogany.

That it had been a study to Ida, one could see by the loving but troubled glance she gave it.

At first she was reticent and shy, but after a while the story came out. Ida spoke in the softly modulated voice of her race, but sadder, more monotonous, troubled tones one seldom hears.

She smoothed the counterpane with her thin, black hand slowly as she said: "Yuh see dis is how it is, lady. I'm uh hidin' from him. Ebery wan dat kumz dis-a-way in de waud I sez: 'Yuh is him, an' I dun hides undah de bed-cloze an' shakes an' shakes.'"

"Yes, yuh see, thebs ben trouble. I reckon cry wun hez uh heop 'o trouble, an' ef it ain't laik me heop, its trouble jes' de same, I reckon."

"I wuz jes uh young guhrl an' he had uh manfully way—an' so we wuz mahrid. I ain't laik some 'o dem pouh guhrls yondah, foh I wuz suah mahrid. My cousin, Sylla Pearl, she dun reckoned it wuz de wuhst wuk I evah dun, 'kase Sylla Pearl she nevah tuk no notion to him."

"Well, at fuhst it wuz Ida heah an' Ida yondah, all pleasant an' nice, but wun day he says: 'I ain't got no m'ny money, Ida, an' I wants uh new pah uh gullusse an' uh bettah hat an' coat. Go out an' git 'em foh me. What yuh good foh, ennyhow?' an'—an'—he hit me, but I reckon he didn't mean dat nohow. Mothah she wuz so gentle an' still kind 'o an' I nevah wuz strong. But 'pears laik de Lawd knows how Ida dun did try to help."

"So den I dun washin's, an' I dun cookin', foh, ef I do say it, I reckon no wun evah foun enny fault wid my cookin'."

But 'pears laik he had to have so m'ny trinkets, an' he tuk all de money I could git an'—den 'pears laik he got worse an' worse uh drinkin' an' gamblin', an' de ole doctah I went to when I got so drefful tired an' sick he said if it wuzn't too late foh me he'd try an' save me but I mus' leave him suah. Den I didn't know what tuh go, noh what tuh do nex—I reckoned what wuz kum- mln' tuh me."

Here she stopped exhausted, and gave another troubled glance at the uncon- scious mahogany bundle.

"So dat kin' ole doctah he dun foun' cut de lady at de aid society what yuh kum frum, an' she helped me tuh git in heah."

"Yes, I want wuk when I git out ob heah; only 'pears laik I'm so tired laik—an' de Lawd he dun keeps callin' 'sof'ly in m'ny heah—'Kum, Ida—Kum an' res'—'Jes' laik me mothah used tuh say—'when she wuz libin'." So I've laid heah uh studyin' an' uh studyin'—an' I sez: Ef de Lawd sez 'kum, Ida, chile; kum an' res'—den whahs my little baby goin' tuh git tuh cab o'—an' den de Lawd he reach down an' sent some wun foh Ida's little baby. So I reckon de Lawd means I bettah gib it away."

"Give your baby away!" echoed the voice by the bedside.

"Yes, miss," said Ida. "Yuh see it's uh guhrl chile an' de livin' image o' him, so I reckon ef she gits uh good raisin' up she'll grow up kind an' willin' tuh wuk an' help 'long."

"But why not keep your baby, Ida, till it is older, and maybe there will be a way opened for you to earn a living for both?"

"Yes, I dun did try tuh tink de Lawd meant dat away—but I dassen't keep it, foh ef I dun it, she wud git cunnin' an' crawl aroun', an' be cute laik, an' den, yuh see—yuh see—de Lawd he cudn't ax Ida tuh do sech hahd wuk as dat."

Here Ida turned her troubled eyes away.

"But, Ida," said the voice by the bedside, "who would want to take a little helpless baby? How old is it?"

"She dun kum uh Thanksgiving day. Der wuz uh lady—a young lady, an' she had uh kine, smillin' face, laik she wuz allus good an' happy, she kum in heah de othuh day—an' she reckuns she'll dun tak' it. She sez she'll raise her up, an' train 'uh to be tuh little waitin'- maid, an' sez' 'huh tuh school suan, an' she sez she will lib wuh hah' always. Dat's de best I can do foh 'uh, 'pears laik, an' de foh I gits tuh cure kays, an' be foh I gits tuh cated laik to heah de Lawd when he calls in m'ny heah: 'Kum, chile, kum, an' res'.'"

Here Ida paused and lay smoothing the counterpane feebly.

Then she said: "I ben uh studyin' 'bout dem good wuds in de Bible—my mothah luhnd me, 'bout Thanksgiving'—an' 'pears laik I dun kin luh'n tuh say tuh de kine Lawd when she gits to His gates: 'Entah—into—His gates, wid—Thanksgiving!' For de Lawd he wuz reached down an' smoothed out all de tangles frum Ida's heap 'o troubles an' sent de lady foh hah' before she got, an' she cute ways laik, De lady dun put hah' name—lahd undah my pillow. Heah it is."

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Tilly—No, I ain't got nothin' to be thankful for.

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The depredations of Rastus had brought upon his head many a threat, but the colonel had as yet confined him- self to words, and Rastus continued to borrow the colonel's wood, and occa- sionally, a juicy chicken, in spite of the threatened consequences.

However, the colonel decided once and for all to put a stop to the pilfering and to effect the reformation of Rastus; he neatly loaded a stout hickory stick with gunpowder and placed it in the wood pile. The lesson conveyed by this innocent piece of wood was apt to be severe, but was calculated to be ex- tremely salutary.

On the eve of Thanksgiving day Rastus cautiously surveyed the rear of the colonel's domain, and finding it wrapped in peaceful solitude, gently abstracted a small turkey from the poultry coop. The turkey had time to utter half a squawk as Rastus' fingers closed round its neck, but that was all. It never breathed again. Then Rastus loaded his arms with wood and hastened down the gully, the ill-gotten spoils in his arms.

The next morning the colonel counted his gobblers and surveyed his wood- pile, and a grim smile twitched the corners of his usually impassive mouth.

"'T low," said Polly Ann, as she put the turkey in the oven, "'t low we'uns ain't got oberly much to be 'ankful for, but I sutt'ny laik de good Lord for providin' dis yere turk. Widout yuh had done cotched him, Rastus, we'uns would

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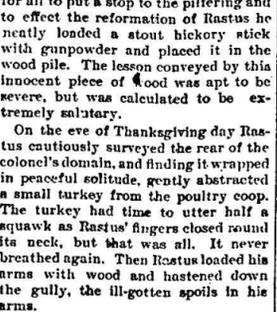
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HON. JACOB YOST COUNTED OUT.

Hon. Jacob Yost, who was elected to congress in the 10th Va. district by several hundred majority on the face of the official returns, was counted out by the returning board in Richmond this week, and the certificate of election awarded to his defeated opponent, H. D. Flood. Mr. Flood conceded his defeat. This shows the kind of election machinery we have in the state. The official returns from all the counties of the 10th district showed that Mr. Yost had been elected, but in Buckingham the vote was certified and returned by the clerk in the name of Jacob Yost instead of J. Yost, as his name appeared on the ticket. Of course the votes were for the same man as there was no other Yost running in the District. Mr. Yost received 1272 or a majority of the votes in the county, but the board threw out this vote, thereby giving the certificate to Mr. Flood, the democratic candidate, who had been clearly defeated. Gen. Walker would also have been counted out had not it been for the very large majority he received. The Board reduced his majority to 1,168 when the official returns showed more than 2,000. This same counting machine is about to throw out one of the Bryan electors which the returns show was elected by more than 19,000 plurality. The Republicans do not want to steal an elector for McKinley nor do they want to be robbed of their justly elected congressman. The question is, will the

of the State, whether Democrats or Republicans longer cast their ballots to uphold and maintain an election law that will allow such burning and flagrant wrongs to be perpetrated, simply on account of technicalities in our election laws? The people will arise in their might next fall, and at the polls elect men who will sweep it off the statute books.

MCKINLEY GETS ONE.

An Alleged Mistake in Printing Tickets May Give the Republicans One Vote From Virginia.

Richmond, Va., November 24.—The democrats will probably lose one elector in Virginia. Some of the returns sent in for Charles M. Wallace, Jr., the candidate from Richmond district left off the word "Jr." and others simply gave his name as "C. W. Wallace." James W. Marshall, another democratic candidate, came very near being defeated by the same technicalities. Yesterday the board made the ruling in the case of Flood and Yost, candidates for congress in the tenth district, and by not counting for the republican nominee votes returned for Jacob Yost, the democrat was elected. The board has not issued certificates to the electors. There is yet a point to be decided. Five republicans got more votes returned than Charles M. Wallace, Jr., and all got the same number. It is to be settled to whom the certificate shall go should the court of appeals order votes returned for Jacob Yost to be counted for the republican nominee, the same rule presumably will apply to the electors

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We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh cure. F. J. Cheney & Co. Props, Toledo, O. We the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe them perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by their firm. West & Truax, Wholesale Druggists, Toledo, O. Wading, Kinnan & Marvin Wholesale Druggists Toledo, Ohio.

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Is the One True Blood Purifier. \$1; six for \$5. Prepared only by C. I. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass. cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c. DR. PEPPIERS' ROYAL-TANSY PILLS NEW DISCOVERY, NEVER FAILS. A new, reliable and safe relief for suppressed, excruciating, scaly or itching eruptions. New used by over 80,000 ladies. Restores these organs and does not cure. Hood's Sarsaparilla feeds the nerves pure, rich, red blood; gives natural sleep, perfect digestion, self-control, vigorous health, and is the true remedy for all nervous troubles. Hood's Pills act harmoniously with the Sarsaparilla, and all ailments.

The Supreme Issue.

The outrageous conduct of election officers in the eastern portion of the State; the miserable frauds and thefts committed; the bold, unbridled violations of laws ought to arouse a sense of indignation in the breast of every man who calls himself a Virginian. Not in the previous history of the State has the record made at the last election been equalled. Not only precincts but counties were stolen bodily. They dropped the petty retail stealing and went into larceny on a grand scale. In a number of counties the day before election the electoral Board changed the judges, substituting men of character with unscrupulous tricksters, who did not hesitate to resort to any methods to cheat the illiterates of their votes. The evidence of this wholesale rascality is now being collected and will be published. It is sickening to think that every interest of this Commonwealth is at the mercy of partisans who have no respect for their oaths; who openly defy the law they are sworn to enforce, and who by their infamous methods nullify the will of honest men who constitute the majority.

The demand for an honest election law is the one supreme issue in Virginia today. It rises above party affiliation. It obliterates all partisan lines. It appeals to the honesty of all classes, and it should enlist the support of every man who respects law and decency. Next year State officers and a new Legislature are to be elected. All should be chosen with the single purpose of wiping this foul stain from the State. Everything else can wait. Every other issue should be subordinated. Honest men of all parties can afford, and well afford, to see every office filled by opponents, just so those who are selected pledge and guarantee the enactment of an honest election law.—Yost's Weekly.

SAVED BY REPUBLICANS.

Democratic City Attorney Who Bolted Bryan Not Allowed to Resign.

Richmond, Nov. 17.—City Attorney C. V. Meredith, one of the Democratic leaders in the State and a delegate to the Chicago Convention four years ago, resigned his office during the campaign because he was not willing to support Bryan. He wrote a letter saying that he would not have been elected City Attorney if it had been known that he would bolt Bryan. Democratic nominee.

on the resignation was taken until to-night, when the City Council, after a hot contest, voted not to accept it by 22 to 24. The two Republicans voted "No."

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People often wonder why their nerves are so weak; why they get tired so easily; why they start at every slight but sudden sound; why they do not sleep naturally; why they have frequent headaches, indigestion and

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Helps for Housewives.

Eggs will cook much more evenly if the fryan pan is covered. If you find your icing is apt to run, sprinkle the cake lightly with flour. Salt fish are most quickly and best freshened by soaking in sour milk. If you heat your knife slightly you can cut hot bread as smoothly as cold. Soda is an excellent article for tinware. Apply damp with a cloth then rub dry. A lump of gum camphor placed in your clothes press will keep steel ornaments from tarnishing. A little borax in baby's bath will prevent the skin from chafing, and he is less liable to have rash. Use clear, black coffee, diluted with water and containing a little ammonia. This will cleanse and restore black clothes. A scorch mark, if not too heavy, may be removed by moistening with water and laying in the sun. Repeat the moistening two or three times and the mark will disappear. In escaping from a fire creep or crawl along the floor of the room, with your face as near the floor as possible. As smoke ascends there is always a fresh current of air in which you can breathe with greater ease near the floor. A cup of muddy coffee is not wholesome, neither is a bottle of muddy medicine. One way to know a reliable and skillfully-prepared blood-purifier is by its freedom from sediment. Ayer's Sarsaparilla is always bright and sparkling, because it is an extract and not a decoction.

Populist Bateman Lasts Bryan Out.

Boston, Nov. 17.—L. C. Bateman, who was the Populist candidate for Governor of Maine, said here to-day that Populists had nothing further in common with William Jennings Bryan. Bateman believes that both Bryan and his silver issue are dead, and that Populists will never try to resurrect them.

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Cairo, Ill., November 23.—The steam launch Pilot on which C. Bryan, J. M. Mitchell, C. N. Peterson and Daniel O'Day of all of Chicago, were preparing to take a pleasure trip to New Orleans, blew up here this afternoon. J. M. Mitchell and C. Bryan were on board and the other two were on shore. Mitchell is dying and Bryan is seriously scalded.

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"I would like to add my testimony to that of others who have used Ayer's Pills, and to say that I have taken them for many years, and always derived the best results from their use. For stomach and liver troubles, and for the cure of headache caused by these derangements, Ayer's Pills cannot be equalled."



When my friends ask me what is the best remedy for disorders of the stomach, liver, or bowels, my invariable answer is, Ayer's Pills. Taken in season, they will break up a cold, prevent la grippe, check fever, and regulate the digestive organs. They are easy to take, and are, indeed, the best all-round family medicine I have ever known.—Mrs. MAY JOHNSON, 368 Rider Avenue, New York City.

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OLDEST METHODIST CHURCH.

The 127th Anniversary of St. George's in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Nov. 23.—The 127th anniversary of St. George Methodist Episcopal Church was celebrated to-day. The altar was festoned with large streamers of bunting, which were fastened from the ceiling to the balconies forming a canopy, in which was suspended a picture of Bishop Alfred Coke, the first American Bishop, who first preached in the church in 1769. According to data which has been carefully collected, it is claimed that St. George's Church is the oldest Methodist church in the world, having been dedicated to the worship of God and the rites of Methodism two years prior to the establishment of the City Roads Chapel, London, which is alleged to be the first Methodist Church. The church was originally erected by the German Reformed congregation in 1763, but the approach of the Revolutionary War frightened a number of the congregation and their families to the Western part of the State, leaving the church poor.

An Atlanta Enterprise of Great Merit.

It affords us pleasure to call special attention to the advertisement of "The Mothers' Friend," appearing in this issue. The Bradford Regulator Co., of Atlanta, Ga., have at Great expense issued a most attractive and meritorious book, which they mail free, containing information of the greatest value and importance to all ladies expecting to become mothers. That the "Mothers' Friend" is a remedy wonderful in its effects, and relieves the expectant mother of incredible suffering and robs the final hour of confinement of its dread, pain and terror, is fully attested by the experiences of happy mothers all over the continent. A perusal of the book will convince any lady, and the use of "Mothers' Friend" cause her to become its enthusiastic friend, blessing the hour when first she heard of it and was induced to use it. Send your name and address to The Bradford Regulator Co., Atlanta, Ga., and receive in return, free, this excellent book. "To Expectant Mother," containing information of value to all ladies.

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NOTICE

Of a Sale of Real Estate at CHATHAM HILL, VA.

By virtue of a Deed of Trust executed to me on the 15th day of March, 1895, and recorded in Smyth County Clerk's Office in Deed Book No. 22, page 483, I shall proceed to expose to sale to the highest bidder a House and Lot containing about one-half (1/2) Acre, on which is situate a store-house, granary, one story dwelling house of four rooms, one stable and smoke-house, at Chatham Hill, Va. There is a good yard and garden on the lot. This property is situated in a thickly settled neighborhood. I will sell the above property before the Smyth County Court-house, on the 10th day of November, 1896, it being Court-day. TERMS OF SALE.—This property will be sold on a credit of ONE, TWO and THREE years according to the terms of the Deed of Trust, the purchaser paying on day of sale a sufficient amount to pay the expense of sale, and executing bonds with approved security for the deferred payments. Given under my hand this 19th day of October, 1896. G. E. GOODELL, Trustee.

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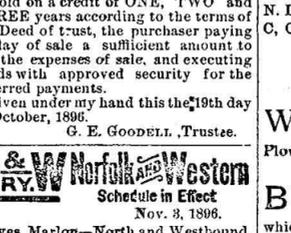
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MARION NEWS

Local Items.

Poultry wanted at J. B. Rhea's. P. C. Landrum, of Saltville, spent Tuesday in the city.

Dr. J. D. Buchanan, of Ellendale, was in town Monday.

W. K. Brooks, of Glade Spring, was in town Tuesday.

We have the best stock of goods in town at lowest prices.

A. L. Robinson, Esq., of Friendship, was in Marion yesterday.

Rev. J. J. Kirk, of Sugar Grove, paid our sanctum a call Tuesday.

Mrs. E. J. Anderson and Mrs. F. L. Pierce were in the city shopping Wednesday.

There is a general feeling that Turkey will be gobbled this week.—Bristol Courier.

G. E. Goodell, Esq., came down from Wytheville to spend Thanksgiving with his family.

Miss Gordie Wolfe, of Adwolve, spent Thanksgiving with her sister, Mrs. R. A. Anderson.

Bring your job work to THE NEWS office. We are prepared to do first-class work at reasonable prices.

For odors on the hands, dash a little sugar on the hot stove lid and hold the hands over the smoke.

Only the sufferer knows the misery of dyspepsia, but Hood's Sarsaparilla cures the most stubborn cases of this disease.

It is asserted on good authority that Mr. McKinley will call an extra session of Congress shortly after his inauguration.

People who have killed their hogs should keep a watch on their meat. The present weather we are having is very deceiving on fresh meat.

Mrs. H. P. Cope, having went up to Rural Retreat, Wednesday evening, and will spend Thanksgiving day with Rev. J. B. Greiner of that place.

Mr. E. M. Richardson, formerly of this county, but now of San Francisco, Cal., is on a visit to relatives in the county. Mr. R. was in Marion Tuesday and gave us a pleasant call.

For a cold in the head, snuffing dry borax as one would snuff will often give instant relief. A tablespoonful of borax in a pint of hot water, snuffed when at blood heat, is also good.

One of the very latest cures for insomnia is three teaspoonfuls of sugar in a cup of boiling water. Some people can't take hot water "straight," but can take it with a teaspoonful of milk or the sugar.

A series of meetings have been in progress at Centenary Church, four miles southeast of town. Several persons have professed religion and interest is on the increase. Rev. Lester is conducting the meetings.

Some of the Democratic editors are showing themselves to be exceedingly small by their efforts to belittle the prosperity now dawning upon the country. But their readers are sensible, most of them, and will size them up properly.

We have appointed O. C. Sprinkle our agent at Marion, and through him you can buy jewelry at prices to suit the times. Call and examine our large catalogue and price-list—anything ordered subject to approval. Engraving free.

ROGERS WILLIAMS M'fg. Co.

A weather prophet in predicting a cold winter says: "Rabbits have grown thicker fur than usual; the corn husks are double; nuts are very plentiful; the squirrels have laid in a greater supply than usual, and the geese started south earlier."

You hear every one say that Hobie Piano Co., Roanoke, are doing the largest business in Virginia, which is a fact. Why is this? Because their long experience has taught them which is the best piano, and how to buy it, and the people recognize this, and will buy from them in preference to all others.

We are getting up all accounts and parties owing us must settle at once. We want money. If you cannot pay us the money now we will be compelled to close account by note, and parties can rely on settling the amount due us at once. This notice is final and imperative, and we will thank all parties owing us to come and settle and save costs.

VENABLE & Co.

BOOKS for Xmas presents at O. C. Sprinkle's drugstore.

Trouble at Saltville.

The reported strike at Saltville which caused some excitement in Marion, last Monday, is declared off. Efforts have been made to couple with the trouble politics, and we see the Marion correspondent to the Richmond Dispatch, says "that it was reported just previous to the election that in the event of McKinley's election the works would run on full time without any cut in wages. The men went out yesterday (i. e. the 23rd inst.) on account of reduction in wages."

We learn from Judge Richardson, our Commonwealths Attorney, that there was no reduction in wages, but the trouble has been brewing since last August, and on last Sunday morning six men failed to return to their work, and the Company thinking they had quit set about to fill their places. And did so by putting in a force of negroes. When the men found out this they became indignant and protested against the negroes taking their places, hence the trouble. It was on account of this protest and threatened trouble that caused the Sheriff and other authorities to be called from Marion.

The six men claim they were sick and did not strike. The matter, Judge Richardson says, had no political significance about it whatever, and he thinks will be settled amicably between the Company and men. There was no contest over the wages whatever because of McKinley's election.

The December Number of The Delineator.

is called the Christmas Number, and old Santa Clause will hardly find in his budget a more welcome gift for women than is afforded by its wealth of colored fashion plates, descriptions of dress modes and Winter millinery, and a general and literary matter pertaining to the holiday season. It answers the annually recurring question as to the difficulty of selecting handsome and appropriate Christmas gifts for men with an article on "Men's and Boys' Garments for Lounging and Invalid Wear." Christian Reid, the famous Southern novelist, contributes a dramatic story of an unhappy lover's Christmas gift, and Lucia M. Robbins tells how a group of bright Southern children celebrated "Christmas on the Sly." The Christmas dinner, receives due attention in the Cookery article, and Gifts for the Season and a new kind of Christmas tree are described in Mrs. Witherspoon's Christmas Tea-Table.

The Delineator is the Woman's Favorite Magazine, and is issued by the famous fashion publishers, The Butterick Publishing Co. at 7 to 17 West Thirtieth Street, New York, at the remarkably low rate of \$1.00 for a year's subscription, or 15 cents per copy.

Exchange of Property.

We understand that Judge Richardson has exchanged his half interest in the Richardson building, together with the Post-office building, for the residence of W. P. Bonham, Esq., and \$500.00.

General J. A. Walker.

The name of Gen. Walker, who has just won so signal a victory in the 9th district, is prominently mentioned in connection with a Cabinet position under President McKinley. No truer type of Southern manhood could be selected. Able, brave, and loving his State and section as only a strong man can, he possesses in a marked degree the confidence of all who know him and would be a true representative of Southern Republicanism. No worthier man could be chosen.—Yost's Weekly.

The Companion Calendar.

It is said that the expense of making the Companion Art Calendar for 1897 was so great that had it been published in the usual quantity it could not be sold for less than one dollar. Four beautiful female figures are reproduced on four folding pages. Each figure is lithographed in twelve colors, being a true reproduction of the original water-color painting, which was selected because of its excellence of design and charm of color and tone. The size of each of the four folding pages is 10 1/2 by 6 inches.

It is by far the best piece of color work the Companion has ever offered. Both as a calendar and as a gem of the lithographer's art, it is so attractive that it becomes a valuable addition to the mantle or centre-table of any room. It is given free to all new subscribers sending \$1.75 to the Companion for the year 1897, who receives also the paper free from the time the subscription is received till January 1, 1897.

Celebrating in 1897 its seventy-first birthday, the Companion offers its readers many exceptionally brilliant features. Fully two hundred of the most famous men and women of our continent have contributed to the next year's volume of the paper. For free illustrated prospectus address, THE YOUTH'S COMPANION, 205 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

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Royal Baking Powder ABSOLUTELY PURE

"The Social Glass."

Its Success an Assured Fact—Cast of Characters, Etc.

This fine melo-drama will be given at the Opera House December 4th. It is one of the best plays even given in Marion, and acted as it will be by such talent as will take part, it can be nothing less than a brilliant success. Below is a

CAST OF CHARACTERS:

Eva Thomley, Miss Alice Pendleton Nettie Nettleby, Mrs. C. C. Lincoln Mrs. Tarley, - Miss Sallie Apperson Chas. Thomley, - J. White Sheffield Or Slater, - I. N. Luther Harold Hadley, - H. L. Bridges John Tarley, - Geo. W. Wright Bob Brittle, - S. L. Alexander Squire Hollis, - A. T. Lincoln

Tickets will be on sale at the drugstore, and the prices will be 25c. Reserved seats 35c. Performance will begin at 7:30 o'clock.

The music will be furnished by Chas. Selby and other musicians, and will be especially good, as every effort will be made to make it a success.

An expert eye specialist will be at O. C. Sprinkle's drugstore Dec. 3rd and 4th. All persons needing his services are cordially invited to come and be examined free of charge

Thanksgiving Services at The Presbyterian Church.

The general Thanksgiving Service was held at the Presbyterian church. The service was opened with a scripture lesson and prayer by Rev. Es-kridge. Rev. C. D. Waller conducted the services. Instead of a regular sermon, addresses were delivered by Dr S. W. Dickerson, Prof. B. E. Copenhaver and Judge Fudge. All of the addresses were very pertinent and suitable to the occasion. A good audience was in attendance and splendid music furnished by the choir, which was composed of representatives from the different churches of the town. The solo by Mr. J. H. Gollehon was well rendered and appreciated by the audience.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY.—On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Catarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate its great merit. Full size 50c. ELY BROTHERS, 56 Warren St., New York City. Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls Mont., can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor of Central Pres. Church Helena, Mont.

Montgomery, Ala., Nov. 21.—Representative Timberlake introduced a bill into the general Assembly, today, seeking to make it unlawful for any female to wear any article of men's clothing. The bill prohibits the wearing of bloomers, tights, divided skirts and shirt waists.

The matter was brought up in serious earnest, and the measure will be pushed. The author of the bill regards as immoral such garments as he marks for prohibition in the act.

We will take dressed poultry, corn and pork or any kind of produce from parties owing us on account, and we ask you to kindly favor us in this way when you have the opportunity, as we must insist on our accounts being settled.

Respectfully, Groseclose Bros.

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Fresh currants, raisins, citron, figs, dates, cocoanuts and mince meat just received at C. M. WOLFE'S.

Letter from St. Clair Bottom.

ST. CLAIR BOTTOM, VA., Nov. 21, 1896.

Riverside High School is in a flourishing condition. Prof. Rouse, the Principal, is giving entire satisfaction to the patrons. Will is a model young man of high culture and we predict for him a bright future. 130 students have been enrolled thus far.

By the way, we thought after the election was over and the great Republican majority announced, everything would remain quiet for awhile, but the 11th inst., at 6 o'clock p. m. Riverside church bell rang and people were seen flocking from every direction to see what was up. On entering the church we saw Miss Maggie McKee seated at the organ, and in a few moments the sweet notes of a wedding march rang out on the twilight while the gentle showers were falling on the roof. All eyes were looking with eagerness and in a few seconds we saw coming down one aisle Miss Scindly Eades, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. R.

Accompanied by Miss Scindly Eades, the beautiful and accomplished daughter of Mr. R. On the rostrum stood Rev. C. T. Rouse, who, in a very solemn and impressive manner, pronounced Mr. Bishop and Miss Eades husband and wife. The happy couple, with their friends, then repaired to the hospitable house of Mr. Robert Eades where all partook of a splendid supper consisting of everything good to eat. On the next day a big reception was given by Mr. Noah Bishop, father of the groom.

The bride and groom are both young, full of energy, and extend to them our hearty congratulations, predicting for them much success, as both know how to combat with the various vicissitudes of life.

WITNESS.

Hides Wanted.

I want to buy all the beef hides I can get. Highest market price paid. Bring them in. T. S. PRUNER.

Yellow eyes,

sallow complexion, bad taste in the mouth, heavy, dull feeling; miserable, upset—liver out of order. Dr. Deane's Dyspepsia Pills will put it in order.

White wrapper if constipated, yellow if bowels are loose. Send to us for a free sample, or get 50c. worth at your druggist's and see if they don't.

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Special Holiday Announcement!

Our special stock of goods for Holiday Gifts will arrive this week and will be placed on exhibition at once. This exhibit will far surpass any previous in extent, variety, desirability, usefulness and reasonableness in price. We strongly recommend selections at this time. The assortments and stocks will be complete. Crowds and disappointments, sure to be met with later, will be avoided. Goods selected at this time will be retained and delivered the day before Christmas if the purchaser so desires.

A cordial invitation is extended to our customers and the ladies of Marion and vicinity to visit our store and examine the various departments, whether prepared to purchase or not. A visit at this time cannot but prove very interesting and instructive.

C. M. WOLFE

Now for BUSINESS!

The election is over, but I am still before the people with a HOUSE FULL OF FURNITURE, which must be sold for SILVER, GREENBACK OR GOLD. I am better prepared to furnish your house than ever before. Better assortment, better quality and better prices. My goods must be seen and priced to be appreciated. It will pay you to examine my goods before purchasing elsewhere.

Come and see me.

R. F. Nickels.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

OUR MILLINERY STOCK IS ALL IN, AND the Ladies are especially invited to our first Fall Opening,

FRIDAY AND SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 and 26th.

Miss Fannie Hathaway, of Baltimore has charge of this department.

we have lots of New and Stylish goods in this line to offer.

Our stock is entirely fresh and new, embracing the novelties of the season.

Venable and Co.

Gloves! Gloves!

Big lot of ladies and gents gloves at Groseclose Bros.

John R. Gentry, the king of pacers, the fastest horse ever hitched, with a record of 2:00 1/2, was sold last Thursday at Madison Square Garden for \$19,000. Mr. Lewis G. Tewksbury being the purchaser.

Consumption AND ITS CURB

TO THE EDITOR.—I have an absolute remedy for Consumption. By its timely use thousands of hopeless cases have been already permanently cured. So proof-positive am I of its power that I consider it my duty to send two bottles free to those of your readers who have Consumption, Throat, Bronchial or Lung Trouble, if they will write me their express and postoffice address. Sincerely, T. A. SLOCUM, M. C., 183 Pearl St., New York. The Editorial and Business Management of this Paper Guarantees this generous Proposition.

All persons indebted to me by account will please come forward and make settlement by Jan. 1st, 1897, either by cash produce or note and those owing notes must help me on them—I must close my matters once a year at furthest. Do this and save me and yourselves trouble.

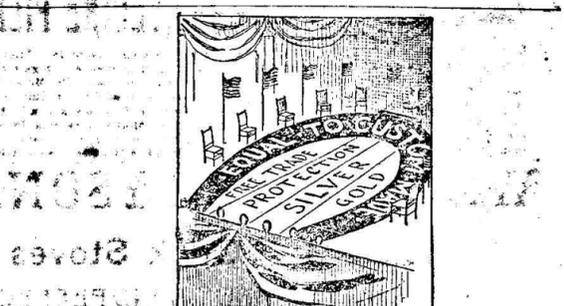
J. W. NELSON. Sugar Grove, Va. Nov. 20, 1896.

You may eat cheap food and not be seriously hurt by it; but you cannot take cheap medicines without positive injury. If you use any substitute for Ayer's Sarsaparilla, you do so at the peril of your health, perhaps of your life. Insist on having Ayer's, and no other.

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of the platform you stand on we are sure you will vote for good clothing, "Equal to Custom-made," and at popular prices. We have these goods and are ready to receive your ballots in paper, silver or gold.

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AMERICAN THANKSGIVING

By Stanley Waterloo.

Ever it is true that the great peoples are those who give open thanks to the Power they recognize for the good which comes to them. Something in the strong heart has made thanksgiving an instinct of forceful civilization. It has been so since the time when Miriam, the prophetess, played upon the timbrel while her handmaidens danced and the faring Israelites praised God because they had safely passed the sea. The old Greeks made thank-offerings to their gods, and the bearded Norsemen expressed their clamorous gratitude to Odin and Thor. To the world-dominating Anglo-Saxon, with his religion of Christ, came the same impulse, and it has clung to him in each and every land he has invaded. Not only has he been a giver of thanks, but he has dignified and glorified the duty and made it a feature of his national life.

It was almost a matter of course that there should suggest itself to the Puritans, rigid and God-fearing as the most earnest of Cromwell's roundheads, the idea of a thanksgiving that should be formal, but it was from the flux of a new nature's beneficent influence upon their lives that there came a mellowing to the character of the day's observance, that a certain hardness disappeared, and that the occasion became one of open joyousness. The little shrub of obscurity planted in 1621 by the pilot Gov. Bradford has grown into a mighty tree with flowers amid its fruit.

It was good, all that happened about the time of the first Thanksgiving day. The Pilgrim fathers were in a particularly jubilant mood—for them—on that occasion. Years of scanty crops and threatening starvation had been followed by a bountiful harvest and there was an absolute gentleness in the preliminaries to the famous dinner. It was to be a game dinner, a dinner fit for any plebeian who ever lived, and none so mean in all the colony but should be present. So were opened the hearts of those rugged worshippers that they were not content with even this but sought the old Sachem Massasoit and all his swart retainers, and when the feast was spread red man and white sat down together and were brothers. Here was Christian spirit; here was an exhibition of that broad humanity and care for the other man taught by Him who walked the strand of Galilee. Here was practical Christianity, and who shall say that from this hour, when such kindly hospitality was shown, when the good things God has bestowed upon men were eaten appreciatively and joyously, and when thanks were given more sonorously than in the past, there was not given birth to the germ of that broadness and joyousness, even in worship, which has become a trait of the American character.

So we have made of Thanksgiving a day of gratitude all untrammelled, a day the accompaniments of which are merriment, as they should be. The reunion of families and of friends, the feasting and the laughter, even the legend of the ennobled American bird, all combine to make of the day something genuine and religiously beautiful. There is the strain of the timbrel. Never was a greater national holiday, never one more perfect in its spirit. It is itself one of the things to be thankful for to the Power which has so blessed so vast a land.

DRAINING THE SWAMP.

How to Reclaim Land Especially Adapted to Grazing.

Swamp lands vary greatly in the cost of drainage, some being very easily drained, merely requiring a good outlet, and drains to catch the water that comes down on them from the surrounding upland, while others having a hard and impervious subsoil near the surface, require frequent drains over the entire surface. Springy swamps are usually the most difficult to drain well, as it is necessary to cut the ditches as to tap the streams of water before it reaches the surface, and this requires much skill and experience. The nature of the vegetation growing in a swamp will have considerable influence on the cost of reclamation. Many swamps are ditched and then left without any further attempt at rendering them productive, the owners supposing that they being rid of their surplus water will, like new-cleared upland, soon produce good pasture without seeding. This is a mistake; the old marsh vegetation is firmly rooted, and though the drained land is not well suited to its growth, it hangs on and is replaced very slowly or not at all by better food. Now, if we have to spend any money at all on these lands, the only way to get it back is to keep working on them till they will grow good crops of some kind. Cut off the brush and break up the wild grass sod, and get some good tame grasses growing. The most of our swamp lands, when properly ditched and cleared, are especially adapted to grazing and the production of hay, and for this reason are usually more profitable when owned and farmed in connection with adjoining upland; this is especially the case where mixed farming is followed. Again, the closer and more compact a farm is, the cheaper it can be worked. In other words, it may be more profitable to reclaim and work a swamp than go around and beyond this swamp to purchase upland, because the upland is farther away from the buildings. The cost of fencing must also be considered in looking at this subject, especially if the swamp is already on the farm. So long as the swamp is unproductive, the adjoining cultivated field must bear the whole cost of the fence between them; when the swamp is cleared, we increase the productive area of the farm without much increase of fence, and thereby reduce the cost per acre of fencing the farm.—*Colman's Rural World.*

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I was a martyr to muscular rheumatism for thirty years; tried all medicines and doctors with no permanent relief. I was advised to take P. P. P., and before I had finished two bottles my pain subsided so I was able to work. I feel better than I have for years, and am confident of a complete recovery.

J. C. DURKISS, Newsmanville, Va.

Testimony from the Mayor.

I suffered with Rheumatism for fifteen years, tried all the so-called specifics, but to no purpose. My grandson got me a bottle of P. P. P., and I feel like a new man.

W. H. WILDER, Mayor of Albany.

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BRACING THE GATE.

Wagon Explained.

Below are shown two ways to hang a gate. No. 1 is by far the better method, since it is a push brace and the work that it

RIGHT AND WRONG WAYS OF GATE BRACING.

performs does not materially depend on the security of the ends of the brace. No. 1 is a pull brace, and the security of its work depends very largely upon the nails or other contrivance for fastening the ends. In order to make it really secure it should be dovetailed at both ends; then, theoretically, if the dovetailed did its work, one brace would be as good as the other, but in practice No. 2, or the push brace, is to be preferred. The rear post of the gate may be allowed to extend two or three feet above the hinge. In that case the pull brace, as in No. 1, may be used to advantage, since the upper end of the brace may be placed very much higher than it can be in the push brace, thereby securing greater steadiness and greater sustaining power.—*Director T. P. Roberts, Cornell (N. Y.) Experiment Station, in Farm and Home.*

NOTES FOR SHEPHERDS.

It is predicted that in the near future there will be nearly as much mutton as beef consumed in this country. Then the sheep business will be on a more substantial basis.

There is room for sheep on every farm, and they may be pastured with the cattle to very good advantage. If not pastured too closely, the pasture will be the better by the sheep being there.

There are a good many sheep that would cut more than they do if they had a chance. Dry air is a fine thing, but they cannot subsist on it alone for any length of time. In connection with suitable rations, it performs an important part in the management of sheep, however.

The Southdown ewe is on a par with the Berkshire sow and the Shorthorn cow, which are never condemned, though often not preferred, especially by breeders and dealers that are obliged to cater to a large trade of varied tastes, especially to the present craving in America for bigness in everything.

Talk of abandoning sheep should not be listened to. This country can no more discard the sheep from its agriculture than it can omit the cow or the pig, and those pessimists who are preparing requiems to the passing of our flocks may as well "hang their harps on the willows" and devote their energies to some more exalting theme. Sheep are here, and here to stay.—*Rural World.*

Farmer Oatcake (sternly)—What do you mean by hanging 'round my turkey roost at this time of night?

Mose—Bress my soul! Am dat yo', Mr. Oatcake? I was guardin' de place, sah; I was guardin' it! There's a good many thievin' niggers around about Thanksgiving time.—Texas Sittings.

As Seen by Him.

The old prober looked dreamily away over the back-yard fence.

(A shudder ran through his frame)—"they are bringing out all our family skeletons these days."

A glance at the debris from the dinner table showed that this was only too true.—*N. Y. World.*

Thanksgiving.

What though we burn wood by the cord And weather prophets croak? Soon on the growing festive board The turkey, stuffed, will smoke. Then something to the poor we'll spare—Who're always with us here—And we'll forget all grief and care In sweet Thanksgiving cheer.

What He Had.

Richards (discontentedly)—Thanksgiving day, eh? I don't know what I've got to be thankful for!

Wrags—Why, you've got a good home, splendid prospects and a big income.

Richards (savagely)—Yes, and dyspepsia.—*N. Y. World.*

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