

Thanksgiving. Carloads of pumpkins as yellow as gold, Onions in silvery strings, Shining red apples and clusters of grapes, Nuts and chestnuts, and chickens and turkeys, and fat little pigs— These are what Thanksgiving brings.

Work is forgotten and play-time begins: From office, and schoolroom, and hall, Fathers and mothers, and uncles, and aunts, Nieces and nephews, and all, Speed away home, as they hasten from afar, The voice of old Thanksgiving day.

Now is the time to forget all your cares, Cast every trouble away, Think of your blessings, remember your joys, Don't be afraid to be young, None are too old, and none are too young, To frolic on Thanksgiving day.

The Night Before Thanksgiving. Gently, Boreas, gently throb, Over the earth the roar of snow; Cease thy rigors for a while, Breathe thy wings of white smile; Change thy whistle notes to sighs, Herald this "Event of days!"

Danish ever-living tree, Of the frozen from Linnæus's fate; See! she thrives upon the white, Kissing every of night; Forest wonders, with artist's care, Forest wonders, gnat and hare; Fleets deal that flock the blue, With her soft light streaming through; Shades fitting over the plain, As her feet bid the snow to cease; Waves of softer light between, Emblems of our hopes, I woe!

Never hopes the moon shall greet; Gratitude and love shall meet, Sisters twin, with some sense of our own thankfulness; Blending words of praise and prayer, For the Father's loving care.

Would there were no sound of pain, Mingled with the glad refrain, No dark memory of grief, Over the thrilling words of crime; Would that thrilling words of crime, Never would the page of Time, Would there were no sound, no bar, Nevermore the sob, the tear; Would that somehow, somehow, might be changed as easily; Would—ah, me! each blessing given, Earth would not get me here!"

That Wife of Mine "Are you sick?" It was the soft voice of a young girl asked this, and as I heard the words, half in a dream, I opened my heavy eyes, and saw a young woman, with a moment's glimpse of Paradise. There were the dark-green leaves of the low bushes, among which she stood, and she was smiling, tired and faint, it seemed a year ago, and there, upon their dark background, a girl's face, with soft eyes, and a smile that was a revelation.

"Was she handsome?" you ask. No, I suppose not. I don't think there was a singularly regular feature, but she was a singularly lovely woman, and that morning, as I looked up at her, her face was as an angel's. It was as if she were a man could well be, and everything looked black and dreary enough, even in that bright summer time.

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SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Phosphorus was accidentally discovered in 1669, by Brant, while engaged in the process of transmutation. On account of its scarcity it was first sold for eight in gold.

Some fine earrings in ivory discovered at Nineveh, and showing signs of crumbling on arriving in England. The decay was caused by loss of albumen in the ivory and therefore killed the articles in a solution of albumen.

The earliest attempt to obtain light by incandescence in a vacuum was made by King, in 1843, who applied continuous current to a carbon filament, and heated it by the electric current in a Torricellian vacuum.

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FACTS AND COMMENTS.

Cyrus W. Field proposes to erect a memorial window at Williams college to the late President Garfield.

Senator Morrill, of Vermont, now seventy-one years of age, is the senior member of the United States Senate and the youngest is Senator Aldrich, of Rhode Island, now forty years of age.

Some one has taken the trouble to collect statistics of the existing pawnbrokers in the United Kingdom. Their total number is 4,372, and during a single year they do the business of some 200,000,000 pledges.

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SITTING BULL.

The Redoubtable Indian Chief, Described in a Remarkable Manner, by a Fellow-Traveler.

During the trip down the Missouri by Captain Boyce in his rubber suit and a New York Herald correspondent in a canoe, they landed at Fort Randall, where Sitting Bull is encamped, a prisoner. The Herald correspondent writes:

After breakfast we went to the hostile camp in company with an officer. The camp is about a mile distant from the garrison and is situated on a pleasant stretch of level ground. There are thirty-two tepees in all, which accommodate 168 people, forty of whom are males over sixteen years of age and the rest women and children.

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THE HOME DOCTOR.

FLAXSEED TEA.—Put two tablespoonfuls of whole flaxseed in a pint of boiling water; let it boil five minutes; cut up one lemon and put in a pitcher with the boiling hot through a wire strainer into the pitcher and stir together. Good for cough and sore throat.

REMOVING CORNS.—The American Medical Journal tells how to remove corns: Saturate a piece of cotton with alcohol, apply it to the corn for a minute, then with a sharp scalpel or knife carefully separate the corn from the sensitive tissue which is easily done by a careful handling of the knife and gentle pulling with forceps while the parts are being immersed with alcohol. If it is necessary to cut away the corn, apply the saturated cotton again, and I frequently find it necessary to apply this several times before the operation is completed. The alcohol not only lessens the sensibility of the parts, but it facilitates the separation of the hard corn from the soft and tender tissue. The corn, and do not draw a drop of blood or produce any pain, except what results from the removal of the corn with the forceps. After raising one edge, it is about like removing a piece of adhesive plaster.

WORKING PEOPLE IN NEW ENGLAND Fifty Years Ago. When we talk about "the working classes," we are using very general terms, and it is difficult to form a clear idea of the great mass of the population forty or fifty years ago would have found it difficult to understand the school through which they were to be educated, and which they were to be educated through.

RESTORING SOLOMON'S TEMPLE. Reut Pasha, the Turkish governor of Jerusalem, has recently received a letter from the Sultan, Abd-ul-Hamid, to resume the restoration of Solomon's Temple, commenced under the reign of Abd-ul-Asiz; but its completion has been delayed for many years, and it is now in a state of ruin.

THE FIRST SIGN OF CONSUMPTION. It is not as extensively known as it ought to be that, in the large majority of cases, consumption begins with a cough, and that the cough is not a sign of the disease, but a sign of the disease.

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