

years since Than ksgiving. "In dependence day"-as everybody called the Fourth of Julyand fast-day were the only days set apart legally for rest and kept as holidays. But Thank sgiving was looked forward to as the family festival

of the year. It was the day of reunion-the day when all the children and grandchildren gathered together under the old roof-tree, forgot grownup care and threw off grown-up responsibilities, and gave themselves up to the enjoyment of the time.



who was coming home to every other family, and how the friendly eyes watched as the train came in or the stage coach drove into town to see who would be the first arrival.

And such preparations as there were going on in the old home for days before the festival! Why, the whole country about was redolent of spices and savory odors. There must be pumpkin pies, because "our Billy" would never know that it was Thanksgiving if he didn't have one of mother's pumpkin ples, and John would be terribly disappointed if he didn't have all the mince pie he wanted. There must be custard pie for Abby, who was in a distant city teaching school, for she said that since she had been away she had never tasted such custard as she got at home, so rich and golden with eggs and cream. 'And there was old-fashioned plum cake to be made for the little onesnot the rich kind that would make everybody ill who ate more than a crumb of it, but wholesome, spicy plum cake stuffed full of raisins-and the sugariest of cookies; for the dears would be sure to get hungry before dinner was ready, argued mother, "and they must have something to stay them."

Then how the clouds were watched for days for the promise of snow. It was not Thanksgiving-a real, true Thanksgiving-without a sleigh-ride. Nowadays people think that winter sets in early if there is snow at Christmas, and there is very audable grumbling if Thanksgiving finds the ground with its covering of white.

There is as much difference in the menu of the new-fashioned dinner to be served at Thanksgiving and that which was served on the old-fashioned table as there is in the spirit and observance of the day itself. The present one includes soup, after the oysters, and goes regularly through several courses, with salad, ice-cream and all the new-fangled dinner notions. The other had roast turkey as the principal dish; and besides there was roast beef and roast pork, for fresh beef was as great a luxury as the turkey was to the visiting children. There was cranberry sauce, mashed potatoes, squash, boiled onlons and turnips, plenty of relishes and pickles, then the plum pudding and all the array of pies. One had to be a valiant trencherman to face all this. Oh! and I forgot the big chicken pie, baked in a four or six quart milk-pan, and fairly oozing richness.

There could not be a Thanksgiving without turkey any more than there could be an English Christmas dinner without roast goose. Turkey has been the national dish for the day ever since the first Thanksgiving was kept



in Plymouth in the November of 1621. That was the day Governor Bradford I hope?" had appointed on which the men and

T is not so many | and right to give thanks for blessings and mercles which had been vouchsafed before asking an increase; and so the first festival of thanksgiving was to be held. The hunters went scouring the woods for wild turkeys, which abounded about Plymouth, and which were to furnish the chief dish for the feast. Kitchens were put in readiness for the cooking and pretty Priscilla Mullins, she who played such havoc with the heart of stout Miles Standish, and drove handsome John Alden wild with her teasings before she gave him that memorable bit of encouragement, was put in charge of the biggest one of all, that belonging

> to worthy Dame Brewster. But the dinner! What a notable feast it was, and how the good dames of Plymouth must have worked to set before their hungry guests such an array of tempting dishes! The place you please!" of honor was held by the turkeys, stuffed to bursting with beechnuts and savory herbs. Then there were oysters, brought by the Indians as their contribution to the festival, and the first which the white people had ever seen, and great bowls of steaming clam chowder, delicious stews, with dumplings of the flour of barley, cakes of all descriptions, such as Priscilla Mullins knew well how to concoct, with the fruits of the forest, wild

grapes, plums and nuts.

Not That Sort of Bird.



Chorus of Boarders-"I'll take a lea -a leg, please-leg for me-leg, if

Landlady-"Do you gentlemen think

this turkey is a centipede?" Changing His Genus. First Turkey-"Gobbler is misbehaving in a scandalous way." Second Turkey-"Yes; he hopes to save himself; he is trying to become a black sheep."-Puck.

A Fashion Note. First Thanksgiving Turkey-"How shall you be dressed for Thursday?" Second Thanksgiving Turkey-"Oh, Is it any wonder that Thanksgiving | cutaway, I suppose."-Harper's Bazar,

THE SPIRIT OF THANKSGIVING.



seems New England's own festival. And the old customs are not given up be introduced. The turkey is the chief dish of the dinner, and the oyster-gift early Thanksgiving days in Pilgrim of the Indians to their white hosts and Puritan times. Except for the still finds a place on the table of the game of the forests and rivers the New Englander who lives near enough



either coast to obtain them. If one has wondered why oyster soup is always on the menu for the day, here is the reason. So the old and new are brought together, and olden tradition and newer habits and customs clasp hands cordially on this high festival day of America.-Woman's Home Companion.

Well Done.

"Have you bought your turkey yet, Mrs. Beaning?" asked the pale boarder, three days before Thanksgiving Day.

"Bought my turkey yet?" she exclaimed. "You don't suppose that I'm going to the expense of feeding a turkey from now until the twenty-ninth,

"Oh, I didn't mean that," the pale women of the stricken infant colony boarder hastened to say. "I was might come together and rejoice in a merely thinking how much more ten- little whistles, lace pins, etc., are special manner for the small harvest | der it would be than last year's tur- | wound in it. As it is unwound the and the promise that the brave hearts | key was, if you would buy it now and | gifts fall out. The wool should be shought they read in it for future keep in the oven until the day of rolled up again as it is pulled off .prosperity. It was considered just the feast"-Harper's Bazar.

Wild Game Appropriate.

On the Thanksgiving table wild altogether, even though new ones may game of any kind is appropriate, suggesting, as it does, the fare of those scant harvests which hard toil reaped from a wild land would not have been enough to save the colonists from actual starvation. No heavy laden ship bringing dainties from foreign lands reached our shores.



Thanksgiving Wonder Ball. A Thanksgiving wonder ball is wound of yellow wool to simuate a pumpkin. Trifling gifts, as tiny dolls, Ladies' Home Journal.

STRAPPING TO DATE.

One of the most elaborate plain costumes is of plum broadcloth. It is given a look of infinite richness by the twoinch velvet strappings which accentuate its good lines. These strappings are in turn fairly covered with a fanciful strapped cesign in the cloth. This ing that their parents have misrepresentshows just enough velvet to give a richness and depth.

LINGERIE GEM.

Prettiest among the new chemises is a dainty affair in pale pink china silk. Sheer lace medallions are set in around the 'ow neck and the fullness is tucked in at the waist in the form of a deeply pointed girdle. Lace galloon edges the shaped flounce, and is inset in Van Dyke form, medallions being set in between

BLACK ROBES.

So many women who have not to economize too closely and who make their own clothes are buying these. An old black silk or satin dress serves for the foundation, and the over dress is almost ready to clap on. Those which have the surface fairly covered with tiny ruches (they edge the ruffles and form panel effects) are in great demand. Still more novel is one of velvet dotted chiffon with a deep garniture of panne orchids cut out and buttonholed on with gilt thread.

LACES AS BRIDAL GIFTS.

Among recent bridal gifts, when laid out prettily for the inspection and gratification of donors, one cannot but admire the return of real lace articles for personal adornment. Among them, scarves, measuring from one to one and a half yards, and barbs, which vary in length as well as width, from twenty inches to twenty-six and thirty long and four to ten inches wide. When scarves are of that new blending of duchesse and rose point, the one a yard long will cost of crepe and in the princesse style are \$85, while another one-half yard longer exceedingly becoming, while there is sells for \$150, and one still finer for \$200 Small size barbs of the same variety of lace range from \$8 to \$10, but \$80 is the price for a lovely fine barb over twentysix inches in length and eight wide, They are the smartest of ties and "make up" in many other ways for fancy neckwear. - New York Commercial Adver-

SHORT SKIRTS. The woman who believes that good conformity to occasion as to fashion will never be without a well-tailored short wear furs. -Harper's Bazar, skirt in her wardrobe. She will wear it for shopping, for traveling, and if she is a woman engaged in business she will wear'it always in business hours. It is stores, and both ungraceful and difficult excess. is an important feature of every woman's our remaining youth which we squander, costumes are of smooth-faced cloths, strenuous effort of vitality, and is, there-Brown and black will be seen most fre- fore, a waste of your capital of life. quently on the street, though green and blue are used to some extent,-Helen Marshall in the Woman's Home Com- live regularly, simply, with a frugality

WOMEN AND WATCHES. "No, I don't believe that there are many women who buy a gold watch to keep time," declared an Eighth street jeweler the other day. "The best proof of my assertion is in the fact that while women we have very few women's watches in our repairing department. Men, on the other hand, come in every day to have their watches repaired, and they keep our repairing department busy the whole day long. Some of them are mighty particular , too, to have their watches timed almost to the second. Women, as a rule, buy a gold watch as a trinket. They pin it on the breast like a medal. Some wear it at the waist with a quantity of other trinkets. You have no doubt seen many such women on Chestnut street. It is only the professional woman whose business requires her to have strict time who buys a timepiece for the purpose it was made. A trained nurse is an instance. And as a rule the professional woman buys a silver watch. But women will be women, you know!"-Philadelphia Record.

DUCHESS MAY IN CANADA.

smile which has won the way of the Washington special in the Baltimore giver to the hearts of the colonial sub- Sun. jects of King Edward.

be measured in words. The smile of the Mr. A. W. Bingham, and carries with it Duches of Cornwall and York in these a salary of \$2,250 a year. It is underfive weeks in Canada has done much to stimulate the loyalty of the people. She Bingham has been selected, but cannot will be remembered for it and for her take charge for some time. general graciousness of manner and ior amethysts, encircled with pearls. The United States. set consists of portfolio, letter weight, inkwell, pentray and pen.-Buffalo Ex-

TRAINING OF THE CHILD. The Rev. Mary T. Whitney, president

of the New England Moral Educational Society, contends that, while much is said of motherhood, not half enough is said of fatherhood. In speaking of the qualities that inspire respect, she says: Everybody respects power and has a contempt for weakness. So, if we are EVERY FOOT OF SPACE IS TAKEN. to be honored by our children we must be strong, and the stronger we are the more honor we shall get-and every kind of strength counts. Think what it is for children as they grow older to keep finded things to them, and that the world and life are quite different from what they have been led to believe. Sam Jones tells about a man 'with a cotton string for a backbone.' Morally, children have such backbones as that, and if their parents haven't any good, strong spinal columns for them to lean up against, there is little hope of their going right. The more children can be made to respect themselves, the more respect they will have for others. We must do our duty by them all along, that in the years to come there will be that sweet and beautiful companionship which is founded upon devoted love and unbounded respect.'

FASHIONS FOR MOURNERS.

Fashionable mourning is most involved at the present moment-that is, the question of what is and what is not correct to wear. With all England in mourning, it is not remarkable that any number of new fabrics and styles have suddenly appeared, while the changes that are rung on black and white and white and black are endless. Mourning is expensive if all the correct details are carried out; but after the first outlay, which necessitates every accessory of dress being in keeping, it is possible to get along with fewer gowns than when wearing colors, for it takes the eye of a connoisseur in clothes to detect the difference between black gowns.

Crepe is more fashionable than ever both as trimming and for entire costumes, and the fabric itself is most beautiful in weave and texture. House permitted on crepe dinner gowns a trimming of the dull jet passementerie. Gowns of dull mourning silk, trimmed heavily with crepe, are most graceful and becoming, while cloth street gowns are trimmed with both broad and narrow folds put on as though braid or silk were used.

Black cloth costumes, made absolutely plain, are the smartest street gowns that are worn for mourning, but it is now considered correct to wear ruches or taste in dress depends as much upon its boas made of crepe, or of crepe and chiffon combined, when it is too warm to-

PATTI'S GOSPEL OF HEALTH. "To be healthy is the natural state, and uncleanly, if nothing more, to allow a disease is, in nine cases out of ten, our dress to drag over pavements and in punishment for some indiscretion or

to lift it. The trailing tailor-made skirt | "Every time we get ill it is part of wardrobe, but it is reserved for calling, Every recovery, whether from headache the club and the matinee. The richer or pneumonia, is accomplished by a

"Therefore, don't let yourself be ill. "The best plan to avoid illness is to that stupid persons alone will deem pain-

ful or eccentric.

Sleep eight hours in every twenty-four. "Ventilate the rooms you work and sleep in. Very few people, even among those who think they are well up in modern ideas, have any conception of what ventilation eans. Even when my voice we sell quite a number of watches to was the only thing I had in the world I slept with my windows wide open, summer and winter, and never caught cold in that way.

"Examine seriously into your list of social obligations, have the good sense to recognize that there is neither pleasure nor profit in most of what you regard as essential in that line, and simplify your social life-simplify it all you can.

"Complicated living breeds worry, and worry is the main enemy of health and happiness-the one fiendish microbe that does more to destroy the health and happiness of mankind than any other.

'Make your home a pleasant place, cheerful, Lut well within your means. "Drink nothing but water or milkespecially drink lots of water. You never can drink too much of it."-Mainly About People.

A WOMAN CHIEF OF DIVISION. Miss Lillian A. Norton has been given The Duchess of Cornwall and York is the temporary appointment as Chief of a remarkably gracious woman. She the Postal Finance Division of the Post showed this sweet faculty in numberless Office Department upon the recommendways during her stay in Toronto. Every ation of Edwin C. Madden, the Third act of courtesy was rewarded by that Assistant Postmaster General, says a

The vacancy was created little more The power of a woman's smile cannot than a week ago through the death of

Miss Norton is the only woman who is sweet appreciation of kind thoughts for an executive chief in Washington, and years to come. And she was as gracious while filling the position will draw a salto those women who were presented to ary higher than that received by any othher personally as she was to the little er woman in the employ of the Governchildren and to the people to whose ment. She is a native of Massachusetts, plaudits she responded from afar. This but was appointed from Dallas, Texas, in was made most manifest while in To- 1886. It will become her duty as chief ronto, when to her was presented a of the bureau to issue all warrants and beautiful writing set by the women of drafts in payment of balances reported the city. This set is a superb work of by the auditor to be due to mail contracart, the design all through being of the tors or other persons and to superintend Canadian maple leaf with the beaver all accounts between the Department and prominently introduced. It is of Klon- Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer and spedike gold, ornamented with Lake Super- cially designated depositaries of the

> Boston has thirty-seven square miles of area and 500,000 population.

CHARLESTON'S

BIG EXPOSITION

The Seventeen Buildings of "The Ivory City" Almost Ready.

In Many Instances the Space Heretofore Allotted Has Been Reduced Wherever It Was Possible, and Applications for More Room Have Been Refused-Not One of the Big Buildings Will Have Vacant Room.

Charleston, S. C., (Special).-Gratifying progress is being made with the concluding work at the South Carolina Interstate and West Indian Exposition.

Only two weeks remain in which the exhibits can be installed, the opening day being December 2; but the prediction of Architect Gilbert that all the buildings would be practically completed this week proves correct. While the 17 buildings are being filled with exhibits more than a thousand carpenters are at work about the grounds putting on the finishing touches and adding features which will make a superb pic-

ture of the Ivory City.
Convicts loaned by the city are clearing the grounds of the debris and asphalt walks are being laid. There is an air of activity everywhere.

Many trainloads of exhibits have already arrived here, and advices from the railroads show that practically the entire display from the Pan-American, which will be moved here, is now en route. These trains will reach Charleston this week, and Architect-in-Chief Gilbert has informed the directors that the buildings are in shape for occupancy. Not much time will be lost in getting the various displays installed, and by the end of the month the Exposition city will have taken on the color of life and

bustling activity.

The Midway army which has arrived on the grounds from Buffalo has transformed that section from ragged fields into a hive of buildings and booths, and this feature of the show will be in excellent condition for the opening.

In the 17 large buildings, scattered over an area of 160 acres, every available foot of space has been taken for exhibits. In many instances the space heretofore allotted has been reduced wherever it was possible, and applications for more room have been refused. Not one of the big buildings will have vacant room.

Buried Under Molten Stag.

Homestead, Pa., (Special).-One man dead and two burned is the result of a party of workmen being buried under a mass of molten slag at the Howard Axle Works here. The dead man was John Ruska, aged 50 years, Homestead. leaves a widow and four children. The accident occurred on the cinder dump back of the company's plant. The victims were engaged in collecting scrap, when a party of workmen at the top of the dump, about 20 feet above, dumped their car over the edge, not knowing that the men were directly beneath them.

Schley Court Sessions.

Washington, D. C., (Special) .- The Schley Court of Inquiry is now holding sessions twice daily, instead of the one session in the morning that has been held since the court met. The afternoon session is from 2 to 4 o'clock. This decision was made in the interests of more rapid progress in the work before the court, for it is the universal desire to have the findings presented at the earliest possible date.

ODDS AND ENDS OF THE NEWS.

Charles Tate, colored, was killed while breaking into the house of James A. Miller, at Hunters Run, near Carlisle, Pa. Ambrose C. Pike, assistant manager of the Hygeia Hotel, at Old Point, died at St. Vincent's Hospital, Norfolk, Va. D. J. Lynch, a former trustee of Carthage county, Tennessee, committed suicide by blowing out his brains.

Finlay Shipwart, of Alleghany county, Tennessee, says he saw his father murdered by his two uncles. Considerable damage was done in various cities in Utah by rather severe

earthquake shocks.

Charles Bachrach, aged 62 years, a well-known business man in Chicago, committed suicide. Five persons were injured in Pittsburg by leaping from a runaway trolley

Mr. Dickinson, United States consulgeneral at Constantinople, has presented credentials as diplomatic agent of the United States to Bulgaria. Lord Kitchener reports that a patrol of yeomanry at Brakspruit, in the Trans-

vaal, was surrounded by Boers and lost 6 men killed and 16 wounded. The only gold medal authorized by act of Congress for heroism during the

Spanish War was forwarded to Lieut. Frank Newcomb, of the revenue cutter Hudson. Bason von Hengelmuller, the returned Austria-Hungary minister, made an offi-

cial call on President Roosevelt. The remains of Major Adam Kramer. U. S. A., were buried in Arlington Cemetery with military honors. The Commissioner of Internal Reve-

nue decided that articles subject to internal revenue tax when consumed in this country are subject to this tax when they are shipped to the Philippines.
The Commissioner of Internal Revesue decided that beer manufactured in

the United States and shipped to the Philippines is subject to the internal General Weyler, the Spanish Minister

of War, will temporarily replace Premier Sagasta should the latter's illness con-In the itinerary arranged for the

North Atlantic Squadron provision is made for speed trials, which is a new departure.

The President signed the commission Herbert Pierce, of Massachusetts, the third assistant secretary of state. President Roosevelt announced that in insular appointments he would adhere

to civil service rules. The Washington Times was sold to Frank A. Munsey, of Munsey's Magakine, New York.

The Turkish government officials are worried over reports that two American girls, probably Kate Boyle and Flora Preston, of Philadelphia, have started for Turkey with the idea of having themselves captured by brigands, as was Miss