MRS. WILSON'S NEW ENGLAND THANKSGIVING DAY DINNER

The Many Good Things to Eat Sound Too Good to Be True, but She Tells How to Make Them

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"The declining year grows gray and dull, Father Time heralds November,

leak and sere. While we, from our sumptuous harv-

est store.
With God all praising, draw our
Thanksgiving cheer.

THANKSGIVING dinner, a real meal THANKSGIVING dinner, a real find Vermont farmhouse, many miles from the great highways of travel, is giving dinner conforming to the conservation in force during November, from the great highways of travel, is a treat indeed. As Thanksgiving came so soon after the signing of the armistice, last year, it had a much clearer meaning to me than in other years; and so, when an invitation came to me when I was instructing navy boys in cooking on Cemmonwealth Pier, in Boston, to visit this staid and primitive New England countryside, I gladly availed myself of the opportunity.

In northern Vermont—just forty—six miles from a good-sized city, to be exact—I was met at the station by Grandfather Perkins on the Monday before Thanksgiving and driven over to the farmhouse. For, as you can imagine, I stipulated that I wanted to see and help in the actual New England preparations for this great and strictly

preparations for this great and strictly all-American holiday.

Direct descendants of a family that

came over in the Mayflower, this family has had possession of this one farm since the early pioneer days. The house is gabled and is built in bungalow style with dormer windows. The whole aspect of the house is rambling because of the many additions that have been made to it. It is built on the side of a hill and is amply protected and shaded by giant Bruce trees.
Grandma Perkins, Aunt Matilda and
Patience with Cousin Hetty were all
Real Old Ve

awaiting me with a warm welcome. And after a short rest we had tea, a typical New England

These frugal, God-fearing housewives together with many of their kith and kin, who took active part in the war. took great pride in displaying many varieties of preserves, jams and jellies all made to conform to the edicts of the food administration in order to save the reserve wars and sugar and honey.

Let come to a boil, remove from the fire and serve. Scald the milk. Let come to a boil, remove from the fire and serve. Scald the milk in a double boiler.

Boston Brown Bread

Place in mixing bow!

One-half cup of cornmeal.

One-half cup of barley flour.

Many quaint relics of days gone by abound throughout the house, and I assure you that every piece of furniture in that house came from over you der with the exception of the modern from the control of the control of the modern from the control of the contr

dielight is very quaint, indeed, for these guarter hours then remove the lid from good folks are partial to the mellow coffee can and place in a warm oven for glow of the bayberry candle, with its three-quarters hour to dry out.

Next come the fish balls—not the soft, clear, translucent light, and the delightful tang of the sea and meadow.

The preparation and making of the one of commerce, but the daintiest

mince for the pies and then the cakes and cranberry jelly was so very entic-ing that the time passed with unbeliev-able swiftness and it was with a dis-tinct shock that I realized Thursday was Thanksgiving.

Grandma Perkins, serene and peacefully smiling, with the true air of authority of an oid and experienced New England housewife, planned the menu,

while we were washing and drying a closet full of the thinnest and daintiest of china dishes; these dishes were of egg-shell china with a band of gold just the width of grandma's wedding ring While we were doing the dishes and

arranging them in piles for quick serv-ice, the question of the various dishes was discussed and many delicacies were was discussed and many delicacies were recalled. Twenty-five were expected and thirty were planned for. And, as Cousin Hetty, said "you jest never can tell who or how many Brother Silas's daughter Hope would pack in the car and then jest delight in bringing them in on us."

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Cousin Hetty opened the large dining room, swept and dusted it and then large armfuls of balsam pine, cedar and spruce, redolent with their spicey odors, were used to give a touch of color to the room. In a solemn row, like sentinels, on the mantelpiece in the diming room, stood delicate green bayberry room, stood delicate green bayberry candles in their pewter candle sticks. The two square extension tables were filled to capacity with their extra leaves; they were placed in the center of the room and covered with padding made in the day of long ago.

Next a real old-time damask cloth, full eight yards long, was brought from its resting place in the old horsehair trunk in the garret, taken from its blue cambric wrapper and laid carefully, covering this wonderful table. Then Grandma Perkins came in with her

Grandma Perkins came in with smoothing iron, just so warm, and gently pressed out the wrinkles and made the cloth lie perfectly smooth and

fat on the table.

Four dozen napkins, a carving cloth and a beautifully handworked centerpiece to match the tablecloth were also brought forth from the dim recesses of

The china and accessories were all placed in their positions like an army awaiting orders; genuine horn handles and steel knives and forks, together with coin silver spoons, were soon in position. The cutglass cruets, sparposition.

Kling in their pristine glory, were placed at the proper distances and then the whole table was covered with three clean old sheets to prevent the dust gather-ing. Then we retired in order to rise at the early hour of 4 a. m. on Thanksving Day to prepare for the feast. And now, not to keep you in sus

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pense, I will tell you of Grandma Perkins's menn, just as she prepared it. Those of us who dwell in the city must remember that this farm of 140 acres, with its large dairy herd, pigs, cattle and chickens, required plenty of hard work for its immates to keep things in a prosperous condition. Then, too, this gave the home folk and visitors who must drive many miles to reach this homestend through the keen frost air a wonderful appetite.

Here is Grandma Perkins's Thanksgiving dinner conforming to the conservation in force during November.

Louis Hetty's Fish Balls

"Time was," said Cousin Hetty, "when we used to flake out fish, but since brother and old Amos went into the fish business, we generally use the shredded fish."

Recipe for four people. Open a package of prepared shredded codish and then turn into a piece of cheesecioth and plunge four or five times into a large bowl of hot water. Squeeze dry, Cook and then mash sufficient potatoes

Home Pickled Onions Chowchow Chili Sauce Boston Brown Brend

Fish Balls
Ronst Turkey Brown Gravy
Oyster Filling Cranberry Sause
Bannocks
Baked Potatoes Masked Turnips
Freamed Onions Buttered Parsnips

Creamed Onlors Buttered Parsnips
Coleslaw
Pepperhash Conn Relish
Jams, Jellies and Conserves
Mince and Pumpkin Pies Coffee
Maple Fudge Preserved Plums

The good old-fashioned oyster soup, made from the famous recipe that has been in the family for so many years, was served from two immense old white china turcens. Grandpa Perkins, sitting at the head of the table, ladled out the soup, and after it was placed and every one was seated, grandpa rapped the table with the big horn handle of the carving knife and every head was bowed in silent prayer while his voice was uplifted in thankful Thanksgiving praise, to which we all responded with

Real Old Vermont Oyster Soup

New England supper.

People about this part of the country all take great pride in their cooking and housewifely chores. So, after tea, in order that no precious time should be lost, I was given an opportunity to visit the preserving closet, the storeroom and the buttery, as it was salled.

Identity all take great pride in their cooking and bousewifely chores. So, after tea, in order that no precious time over the oysters very fine and then return them to the oyster liquid. Add one tablespoon of butter and a timp pinch of thyme; then heat to the storeroom and the buttery, as it was scalding point and add two and one-half cups of scalding hot milk. Let come to a boil, remove from the fire

Place in mixing bowl
One-half cup of barley flour,
One-half cup of rice flour,
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One-half cup of molasses,
One level teaspoon of soda,
One and one-purier cups

form appliances and a few chairs and settees that do duty on the verandas.

Early the next morning Aunt Patience called me, so that we might all have an early breakfast and then start the actual preparations of the delicious old-time favorites. Breakfast by candidatine favorites. Breakfast by candidatine favorites, breakfast by candidatine favorites.

One and one-quarter cups of sour

The Question Corner

Today's Inquiries What unusual crocheted gift would be easy to make for Christ-

mas? . How can the odor of onions be loved from the pan in which

they have been cooked?
What is the proper time to leave after a formal dinner at a private

house?
Who was George Eliot?
In putting silver away in fiannel bags, what will postpone if not prevent tarnish?
Describe a pretty and economical to make a crown for the

sport hat. Yesterday's Answers

. The woman with white hair should remember in using curling irons that too hot an iron will make her

hair yellowish. Chiffon sweaters are crocheted on very light wool in a loose stitch. An organ pleat is a box pleat that is not stitched down across the is not stitched down across the top and is not pressed down on the sides, and therefore hangs in the shape of an organ pipe.

Sleeve protectors for the kitchen can be made from the upper parts of long gloves of which the hands

have worn out. A married woman should sign her full name, not her initials, to

a letter. A popular design for beaded bags is an indefinite landscape in cub-

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An Interesting Story of the Preparation of Table and Food for the Annual "Banquet"

golden brown balls the size of bantam eggs, fried in smoking hot fat and laid on snowy white napkins in piles, with

Cook and then mash sufficient potatoes to measure three cups and then add the prepared fish and,

T co tablespoons of grated onion.
Four tablespoons of finely minced

paraley.
One tenspoon of puprika.
One-quarter cup of milk.
Two tablespoons of butter.
Beat hard to mix thoroughly and then mold into small balls, roll in flour, dip in beaten egg and milk and then roll in fine crumbs and fry until golden brown in hot fat.

Bannocks
For four people, Place in a sauce

The plain dress shown yesterday is transformed here by the mere adding of pleated ruffles on the side breadths of the skipt, turned-back cuffs and a small neckpiece

is. I like him very much indeed, though he cannot call forth in me the same feeling that "A" can. We are more than friends, for we are "pals" in every

sense of the word, and he would do any-thing in the world for me. I know he does not care for any one else as he

does not care for any due to does for me, and he expects to marry me as soon as he is financially able, which may be a couple of years. He is a year younger than I am. Every-

which may be a couple of years. He is a year younger than I am. Everything which I do is right, as I am almost perfect in his estimation.

My question is: Which one should I marry? Is a woman happier with the man she loves or the man who loves her? I know "B" would make a good and true husband always, but I cannot tell whether "A" would be as true, as he is rather selfish even now.

UNDECIDED,

When it comes to deciding so vital

Water Bugs

Two cups of boiling water,
One-half teaspoon of salt,
Two tablespoons of maple sugar,
Four tablespoons of sirup.

Three-quarter cup of cornmeal. Cook until it is a thick cornmeal mush, then let cool. Spread very thin on well-greased baking sheet, brush with melted shortening and bake in a hot oven. In the days of long ago these bannocks were usually baked before the

open fire.
The feature of the dinner, three large turkeys, were cooked until golden brown and juicy tender. Nigh about the combe termed "an old sweetheart" and still ing of the first of October, Grandma is. I like him very much indeed, though For four people.

Drain one dozen systers free from the liquid, then strain the liquid into a succepan. Wash and look carefully the war bread, be saved. For you know the war bread, be saved. For you know the war bread, be saved.

Please Tell Me What to Do

By CYNTHIA

Which Shall She Marry? Dear Cynthia—You have helped so many others. I wonder if you could help me decide a big issue, or may be some of your readers who have had the same experience could.

I am twenty-five years old and beginning to feel that I should look to

ginning to feel that I should look to the future. Now there are two men whom I will call "A" and "B." I met "A" about three years ago and have been very intimate ever since. He is about five years my senior. I think I really love him if I read my heart aright. I always want to be near him and am supremely happy when I expect to see him, and blue if he does not call when I expect him. I would intimate the service has a supremely happy when I expect to see him, and blue if he does not call when I expect him. I would not call when I expect him. I would willingly do anything he wants, no matter the cost to myself, and take plehsure in pleasing him. But the fly in the ointment is, I do not think he cares the same for me. On several occasions he has been very mean to me and inflicted much pain by his actions, and he knows much pain by his actions, and he knows he can burt me because I care so much He proposed sometime ago, but as my family never liked him I thought by waiting I could win them over. Then he told me he would never marry me or any one, as he never will marry. Yet to sees me on an average of once or twice a week, and we are good friends now. No matter what he does. I still care the same, though everyone tells me he is unworthy of a decent girl's affection, because I know he is not what was once my "ideal man."

Then there is "B" whom I have





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pupils sitting near me must hear it. I forget everything I have learned and all I can do is stammer and blush." Oh, don't you sympathize with that little schoolgir? Can't you just feel that blush of self-consciousness, which for no reason at all goes on relentlessly to the roots of your hair, and leaves you hot, bewildered, miserable, all alone on a high, high pedestal, with the whole critical laushing. high pedestal, with the whole laughing, self-confident world There is a remedy, which was used

TELLIS BROS. ARCH ST.

A TRAGEDY in six words came to me schoolgirl, and she said. "I am bashful and self-conscious."

"I study my lessons." the pathetic little tale went on, "But when the teacher calls upon me to recite I feel as if some one is choking me, and my heart beats so loudly that I fear the pupils sitting near me must hear it. I force teverything I have learned and all.

Transcher girl who suffered from that malignant disease, bashfulness. Bluff! Not necessarily bluffing others, but bluffing herself. This girl who found it so helpful went through all that blushing, stammering misery, and then to recite at a commencement entertainment. She never expected to live through it, and the dread kept her awake at night, took most of the joy out of her life.

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THE BASHFUL SCHOOLGIRL

WHO STAMMERS AND BLUSHES

Makes a Brave Resolve to Keep on Trying—What One Girl

THE BASHFUL SCHOOLGIRL

wp. day after day, the schoolgirl suddenly found that she could fool herself. She pretended that she was so worried about making her voice loud enough to be heard that she hadn't time to be scared. And it worked! On that fatal day, when she had to face that terrible for while that the substance of that unsteady place, and made it strongth to go on alone. You need some kind of a rock, of course, to brace the prop and keep if where you want it. But if you just prile up enough will-power, you can

She pretended that she was so worried about making her voice loud enough to be heard that she hadn't time to be scared. And it worked! On that fatal day, when she had to face that terrible crowd (does it make you tremble, little schoolgir!?) she really was so interested in making her voice reach the other end of the room and all the corners of it that she forgot to be frightened.

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