[From the London Times, Dec. 12.] Thanksgiving Day is always a great institution among the citizens of the United States, and the Thanksgiving Day of 1575 could not fail to be distinguished by unusual rejoicing. Thanksgiving Day is at once the Har vest Feast and Christmas tide of the New World. It is not held upon any stated anniver-sary, and the time of its celebration · varies from year to year according to the proclamations of State Governors or Presidents; but somewhere about Advent and Hallowmas a day is set apart among the people of the North as a season of thanksgiving for the blessings of Nature, as an acknowledgment of the fulfilment of the Divine promise which declares that harvest shall crown the industry of man, and as a time for the reconciliation of enemies, and for cementing afresh the bonds of union between kinsfolk and friends. It is evident that in 1865 there was an especial reason for celebrating such a festival. The great family of the nation has been knit together once more; the prodigal children have been fetched home, and over their repentance a satisfaction is felt such as could never have been experienced had they never sinned. The Old Dominion, Mother of Statesmen, foremost in the conflict which secured the rights of free men to the colonists of the States, last to be dragged into the Confederation which threatened to rend the Republic into pieces, is once more a member of the Union. The abolition of slavery, perfected in fact though not yet completed in form, not only frees the Union from a stain strangely inconsistent with its high pretensions, but removes a grave source of danger to the Federation by taking away what was a constant temptation to insincerity among its states men. And the murder of Mr. Lincoln, suddenly struck down in the very hour of triumph, when his difficulties were over, the goal was in sight, and his virtues were beginning to be understood was an event so profoundly calculated to produce the result that we may almost say it was designed to make at one with each other the nation in whose service he died. The Divinity which shapes our ends, rough hew them how we will," used the miserable vanity of an idle player to fulfil its purposes. The imagination of the multitude, slow to receive impressions, but tenacious of ideas when once acquired, saw in their President a martyr to the cause of national unity, and over his body factions were reconciled, and party itself

for a time disappeared The dinner at which the American residents in Paris celebrated their day of national thanksgiving was such as might have been expected at such a place and on such an occasion. There was a gathering of that crowd of American citizens which appears to delight in the French capital principally because it presents so many contrasts to their own homes. Everything that the luxury and taste of the gayest city of the world could contribute to their enjoyment was furnished in profusion. The company saw in Mr. Jay a grandson of one of the American Plenipotentiaries who signed the Treaty of Paris in 1783, and his presence called to mind the ancient and ditional friendship between France and the Federation, a friendship which has survived monarchies, republics and empires. His speech and that of Mr. Bigelow, the resident Minister of the United States at the French Court, might have reassured any who were anxious about the future; and if any hesitation remained, General Schofield fresh from the campaign fought under Sherman, must have dispelled it. But when all is said, it would be easy to overrate the political significance of the Paris banquet, to attribute to the words spoken there a weight which they do not possess, and to misapprehend the value of such a demonstration as representing the sentiments of the American people. We accept, without reserve, every assurance of the continued friendship between France and the United States which found utterance at the dinner, but we do so' because the course of past events made their truth antecedently probable, or rather certain. We are left just where we were, but, it must be added, our former position was perfectly satisfactory. Had we nothing more to rely upon than the enthusiasm of the guests at the Grand Hotel, we should not, however, be so confident. It would, in fact, be a mistake to accept the bril-liant assembly which met together at the top of the Rue de la Paix, as the spokesman of the American people. The strength of the nation lies in a mass of energetic, industrious, and self-reliant men, who have nothing in common with traveled lovers of art. To confound together Americans at home and Americans abroad, is as great a blunder as it would be to suppose that a Russian nobleman on his travels is a representative of a Russian peasant barely emancipated from serfdom. The mistake in the latter case would be immaterial, because the Russian peasant has no political power, but whenever the mistake is made with respect to America the result is a certain misapprehension of American politics. Men take the inflated nonsense which some orator or journalist chooses to utter as a reflection of the sense of the people, and are astonished to find that the line of action adopted by the Executive Power is apparently at variance with the opinions of the masses governed. In fact however, the rough common sense and ungainly shrewdness of a plain farmer of New England or Illinois often afford a better test of public opinion than the speeches of professed politicians, and it was not the least of Mr. Lincoln's excellences that he was the embodiment of a class which is the depositary of political power in the Union, but which before his time almost wanted a representative. General Grant seems to have inherited in some degree this characteristic of the late President. It would

for ourselves. vince the world of the peaceful designs of the American people. The Republic had armies in the field numbering their hundreds of thousands, which, after

seem that there never has been a more

inarticulate hero. The words he utters

are few and rugged, but when they

come they express the dogged resolution

the ardor slowly kindled, but when once alight steadily maintained, the unflinching pertinacity, and the power of adapt-

ing means to ends which, acting to

gether, crushed the Southern Confedera-

tion, and which we are bound to recog

nize the more readily because they are

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encountering a protracted and stubborn resistance, found themselves suddenly in possession of complete victory. In the moment of their success, flushed with the triumph they had achieved and intoxicated with glory, they have not demanded to be led against new enemies; they have not murmured at a sudden dismissal. Armies have been quietly disbanded, and hundreds of thousands of volunteers have gone homewards as men turn to their accustomed work. These are facts more eloquent than any speeches which can be delivered. This last triumph of the American nation is its greatest, for it is a triumph in which rulers can claim no share, and for which generals can ask no credit. It is a triumph of the citizens themselves, who went to the rescue of their country when its unity appeared in danger, and now betake themselves to their fields and homesteads when the danger is past.

Parisian Streets. Paris is about to re-name many of her streets, and has sought among her celebrated men for the necessary names. The following celebrities, among others, will shortly appear in the roll of honor: Pierre Lescot, the architect; Sanval, the historian of the antiquities of Paris; Marshal Turenne; Villehardouin, the chronicler of the Fourth Crusade: Francois Miron, civil lieutenant, prevot de marchands, and friend of Henry IV, to whom is said to be due the execution of the Hotel de Ville; Blainville, the naturalist and professor under Cuvier; Thouin, professer and gardener-in-chief at the Jardin des Plantes from 1747 to 1823; Cujas, the famous jurisconsult of the 16th century; Linnæus, the cele-brated botanist; Perronet, engineer of the First Empire, constructor of several of the finest bridges in and near Paris, and founder of the Ecole des Ponts et Chaussées; Boissy d'Anglas, Camba-céres, Pasquier, D'Argenson and De Morny; Philippe de Girard, reputed in-ventor of the method of spinning flax by machinery; Archbishop Sibour; the Duchess Mercœur, one of the last abbesses of the Convent of La Roquette; Nicolaï, the name of a family of Judges; Dumeril, physicial of the Boundary of Sibour of Sibour of La Roquette; Nicolaï, the name of a family of Judges; Dumeril, physicial of Sibour of Sibo sician and naturalist; Baudricourt, the companion in arms of the Maid of Orleans; the Connétable Clisson; Vaudamme, who defended Paris in 1814; Halle, physician to Napoleon the First, and President of the Academy of Medicine of Paris; Gerbert, Sylvestre the Second, a Benedictine monk, born about the year 930, the first Frenchman who became Pope; Alain Chartier, the poet of Normandy, and Secretary to Charles the Sixth; Ollivier de Serres, the famous agriculturist, who introduced the mulberry into France, and thus laid the foundation of the silk trade; Vaudelas, the grammarian, and Admiral Roussin formerly Minister of Marine; General Lourmel, who fell at Sebastopol; Geneal Lecourbe, the friend of Moreau; Chalgrin the designer of the Arc de Triomphe La Fontaine; the painters, Gros, Prudhon and Flandrin; the sculptor, Ramey the musicians, Berton, Nicolo, Spontini, and Pergolesi; Legendre, the geometrician, and the famous canal engineer, Riquet. With few exceptions, the names are given to streets situated in quarters where the celebrities were born or which they helped to illustrate. It is difficult to conceive a more popular or more economical method of handing down a name to posterity, or of writing an outline history for the masses.

MEASURING DROPS IN MEDICINE.-Chambers's Edinburgh Journal contains the following in relation to measuring out drops in medical practice, scientific

and household: But here comes a very remarkable question-are the drops the same size, whether they succeed each other rapidly or slowly? Most of us say, yes, if all the other conditions remain the same: but our learned experimentalist says no. He arranged his apparatus (which he calls a statagometer or drop measurer) in such a way that he could make the drops of cocoanut oil fall from the little ivory ball at intervals varying from one-third of a second up to twelve seconds. He finds that the drops are twice as large and twice as heavy in the first instance as in the last; that is, when the drops succeed each other more rapidly, they are individually larger when they .fal more slowly, amounting actually to double when the difference is as great as that above stated. The Lady Bountiful and Mrs. Nurse need not be troubled with a scientific explanation of this fact—how it depends on the time which the gravitation of the drop has to overcome the adhesion between the oil and ivory ball; but they were very much concerned in knowing that when they administered medicine "as the fore," in so many drops peradose, the quantity will vary according to the interval of time between the drops. If they hurry, by dropping too much, they may administer 30 drops to baby instead of 20, and then, we draw a veil over the consequences. Even medical practitioners themselves are cautioned. "A pharmaceutist who administers 100 drops of a liquid at the rate of three drops per second, may give half as much again as one who measures the succession at the rate of one drop in two seconds." Another caution to the dispensers of drops. Look to the size of the neck and lips of the phial containing medicines; if the vessel s thick and rounded at the spot from which the drops are made to fall, rely upon it, that the drops themselves wil be individually larger than when a thinlipped phial is used. Professor Guthrie has ascertained this, and he shows how it depends on the 'adhesion of liquids to solids, as well as upon the cohesion among the particles of liquids them-

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