Thanksgiving days are sequents of past welfare. They become retrospective periods during which the divine bestowals of private and public blessings is gratefully recognized. Their history in this part of America begins as parly as the year 1621. The peculiar circumstances which led to the setting of a period of thanksgiving by the Pilgrims are described by Edward Winslow in a letter dated Plymouth, December 11, 1621. Of the 102 emigrants who had landed on the 11th (old style) of December, 1620, on the bleak coast of Cape Cod bay, almost a half of that number had sickness and died, and nearly all of the remainder had physicountry. The prudence and industry book the general wrote on May 6 : of the few persons that were not disforth the thankfulness of the favored people, "in a special manner."

"You shall understand that in this little time that a few of us have been here we have built seven dwellings houses and four for the use of the plantation, and have made preparations for divers others. We set the last spring some twenty acres of barley and peas; and according to the manner of the Indians, we manured our ground with herrings, or rather shads, which we have in great abundance and take with great ease at our doors. Our corn did prove well; and, God be praised, we had a good increase of Indian corn, and our barley indifferent good, but our peas not worth the gathering, for we feared they were too late sown. They came up very well and blossomed, but the sun parched them in the blossom

"Our harvest being gotten in, our that we might, after a special manner, rejoice together after we had the fruit of our labor. They, four, in one day killed as much fowl as, with a little a week. At that time, among other recreations, we exercised our arms, many of the Indians coming among us, and among the rest, their great king, Massasoyt, with some ninety men, whom for three days we entertained and feasted, and they went out and killed five deer, which they brought to the plantation and bestowed on our governor and upon the captain and others. And although it be not always so plentiful as it was at this time with us, yet, by the goodness of God, we are so far from want that we often wish you partakers of our plenty."

The great abundance of wild turkeys abounding in the neighboring forests no doubt supplied the Puritans with the fowl sufficient for their hospitality. The turkey which now is so highly prized by the people of the United States for Thanksgiving dinners may have in this way obtained its peculiar prominence among the viands of the

The people of New Netherland at a very early date observed days of thanksgiving. Among the Dutch records at the office of the secretary of state are preserved proclamations of thanksgiving days in 1645 and 1657 of the council of New Netherland. William Kieft the thirty-first of August, 1645, the council, sitting at Fort Amsterdam (New

Resolved in council to proclaim a general thanksgiving, which thanksgiving shall take place on the sixth of September next in all the Dutch and English churches within the limits of New Netherland.

The proclamation reads: "WHEREAS, It hath pleased Almighty God, in His unbounded elemency and mercy, in addition to many previous blessings, to suffer us to reach a long-

wished-for peace with the Indians; "Therefore is it deemed necessary to "Therefore is it deemed necessary to proclaim the fact to all those of New no vehicles except the two-wheeled Netherland, to the end that in all carts drawn by oxen-wheels wi hout places within the aforesaid country established God Almighty may be specially thanked, praised and blessed with back-loads of market stuff. Fruits on next Wednesday forenoon, being and vegetables were carried in a four-the sixth of September, the text to be sided hamper or cage called a huncal, appropriate and the sermon to be applicable thereto.

"Your reverence will please an nounce this matter to the congregation next Sunday, so that they may have with eggs below and fowls above. We notice. On which we rely."

text, was issued on the ratification of a treaty of peace between the Dutch and above the bearer's head; rolls of matting, the Indians. The forenoon of the day wooden trays, bundles of sugar cane, was set apart for the religious services, camote (a kind of sweet potato), and toand it is likely the afternoon was given matoes wrapped in green leaves. A to social pleasures.

The proclamation of Petrus Stuyvesant, or rather of the council of New Netherland, in 1657, is longer than the | the load. Whole families were en route, one of 1645, and is more particular in expressing what shall be the manner of the long cotton searf which the Indian the observance of the day and in for- mother wears over her head, or susbidding certain secular and worldly ac-

tivities and pleasures. by the English, Edmund Andros being century governor, the council sitting on June 7, 1675, ordered :

"That Wednesday, ye 23d of this Instant month, be appointed throughout cross—the place of a murder—making a ye government a day of Thanksgiving mute appeal to the traveler to pray for and Prayers to Almighty God for all His one cut off in his sins. We enter the Past Deliverances and blessings and mountain passes, dark with pines and Present Mercies to us, and to pray ye firs, and ascend to the battlefield of continuance and Encrease thereof."

The surrender of General Burgoyne to General Gates at Saratoga, in the Toluca. We pass the monument to Hifall of 1777, induced the members of dalgo, and I ask with shame who was the Continental Congress to take the Hidalgo, and am answered: "He was our following action on Friday, October 31,

be appointed to prepare a recommenda- armed chiefly with slings, bows, clubs, tion to the several States to set apart a lances and machetes, met the troops of day for thanksgivng for the signal suc- the Spanish government, under Colonel cross lately obtained over the enemies Truxillo, and drove them back upon the of these United States."

The members chosen as that committee were Samuel Adams, Richard of the nature of artillery, they charged Henry Lee and Daniel Roberdean.

In compliance with the order of Con-true the army at Velley Forge duly gan the spot its name.

chserved the day. In General Washington's orderly book of December 17,

1777, is this entry : ing us devoutly to express our grateful acknowledgments to God for the manifold blessings He has granted us, the several corps and brigades, and earnestwhose absence is not indispensably necessary to attend with reverence the solemnities of the day."

"LONG LIVE THE KING OF PRANCE." General Washington, on the reception of the intelligence of the treaty with France, in February, 1778, ordered cally suffered from destitution and the rigors of the first winter in the new army on May 7, 1778. In his orderly

of the few persons that were not dis-abled were so greatly blessed as to call Ruler of the Universe to defend the cause of the United American States, and finally to raise up a powerful friend among the princes of the earth, to establish our liberty and independency upon a lasting foundation, it becomes us to set apart a day for gratefully acknowledging the divine goodness and celebrating the important event which we owe to His divine interposition. The several brigades are to be assembled for this purpose at 9 o'clock tomorrow morning, when their chaplains will communicate the intelligence contained in the postscript of the Pennsylvanta Gazette of the 2d inst., and offer up thanksgiving and deliver a discourse suitable to the occasion. *

"Upon a signal given the whole army will huzza, 'Long live the King of France!' The artillery then begins again and fires thirteen rounds. This will be succeeded by a second general governor sent four men on a fowling discharge of musketry in a running fire and huzza, 'Long live the friendly European Powers!" The last discharge of thirteen pieces of artillery will killed as much fowl as, with a little be given followed by a general run-help beside, served the company almost ning fire and huzza, 'The American States !"

.As described by an officer of the army the day was observed at Valley Forge in

an enthusiastic manner: "Last Wednesday was set apart as a day of general rejoicing, when we had a feu de jois, conducted with the greatest order and regularity. The army made a most brilliant appearance, after which His Excellency dined in public with all the officers of the army, attended by a band of music. I never was present where there was such unfeigned and perfect joy as was discovered in every countenance. The entertainment was concluded with a number of patriotic toasts attended with huzzas. When the general took his leave there was a universal clap, with loud huzzas, which continued till he had proceeded a quarter of a mile, during which time there were a thousand hats tossed in the air. His Excellency turned round with his retinue and huzzaed several times."

George Washington, as President of the United States, issued his first proclamation for the observance of a day of thanksgiving at the city of New York on the 3d of October, 1789, setting apart Thursday, the 26th day of Novetawas governor in 1645 of the colony, and ber of that year, "to be devoted by the people of these States to the service of that great and glorious Being who is the beneficent author of all the good

that was, that is or that will be," etc. His second proclamation, dated at the city of Philadelphia, January 1, 1795, designated Thursday, November 26, as a day to be observed for a general thanksgiving by the people of the United States.—New York Herald.

On a Diligence Road to Mexico.

In Mrs. Mary Hallock Foote's "Diligence Journey in Mexico," in the Centary Magazine (recently Scribner), occurs tires, hewn out and showing the sepawhere Dutch and English churches are rate strokes of the ax, but many humble travelers on foot, trotting into Mexico made of osiers; often it was filled with live fowls, the tail-feathers of the cock gayly fluttering through the bars of the cage, or was divided into compartments, met huge masses of pottery ingen-This proclamation, as set forth in the lously woven together with the cords of the agave, and towering perilously pair of live hens never came amiss, swinging by the legs from a disengaged hand, or tied to an available corner of even to the baby, rolled in one end of pended in its folds at her back. I do not think a stranger procession could On the possession of New Netherland | be met with on the high-roads of this

Steadily climbing, the country growing poorer and wilder, we pass many heaps of stones supporting the fatal Las Cruces, on the divide which separates the valley of Mexico from that of Washington—this is our Bunker Hill!" It was here on the 30th of October, 1810. Resolved, That a committee of three | that Hidalgo with his Indian insurgents, capital. The loss of the Indians must have been frightful; in their ignorance Truxillo's guns and "tried to stop the On Saturday, November 1, 1777, the committee reported, and Thursday, the listh day of December, was set apart as a day of "solemn thanksgiving and of Indian women went up on the mounA Great Sauerkraut Center.

Chicago is the sauerkrant center of America. One firm recently advertised "To-morrow being the day set apart by the honorable Congress for public thanksgiving and praise, and duty callbut there is a constantly increasing demand from Americans. The latter, however, do not take readily to the pergeneral directs that the army remain in fume. One dealer shipped a carload to its present quarters, and that the chap- | St. Louis, and was notified by telegram lains perform divine service with their on its arrival that it was spoiled. He telegraphed back, requesting the purly exhorts all officers and soldiers chaser to call in a German expert, as he was certain some Yankee had been testing it. The advice was followed, the article pronounced good, and it was sold at a fair profit. A good deal of braut is also imported from Germany, and is found to possess a peculiar flavor or bouquet which the American article lacks, although the Chicago manufacture is improving. The process of manufacture, in brief, is to cut the cabbage into long, thin slices, removing the core, which is stringy, and then pack in barrels, ramming down very compactly, either with wooden implements or by heavy men in rubber boots treading it. The application of salt and water is a mistake. It should be pressed so tightly that its own liquor will cover it, then headed up, a hole being bored in the head to allow fermentation. These simple rules will give a delectable compound, such as no American maker of sauerkraut has ever produced. The price for a good article is \$11.50 per barrel of thirty gallons, and from fifteen to twenty cents per quart at retail.

> Preparations for a Scandinavian Marriage.

Preparations for a wedding feast begins weeks beforehand, and are so extensive that M. Du Chaillu was utterly amazed at the quantity of solids and liquids that he saw stored against an approaching marriage feast. Invitations to weddings are sent out well in advance of the happy day, so that the guests may prepare for two or three days' absence from home; and the poorest person invited is never without a weading garment. The happy couple eat, drink and dance with everybody; and it seems never to have occurred to the people to inquire how they do it. There is a limit to the endurance of the native head and stomach, and this generally is found on the third day; hen the guests, on bidding good-bye to the bride, tender their wedding presents, which always consist of money, and are deposited, without being examined, in a box which the bride wears at her side. How many American girls will wish-only to themselves-that a similar custom might prevail here cannot easily be estimated, but all of them will understand why there are but few bachelors in the land of the midnight sun. Long as are the wedding festivities, those of Christmas far exceed them, for feasting and fun are industriously kept up from Christmas-eve to Twelfth-night, and quaint and charming are some of the attendant ceremonies .- Harper's Magazine.

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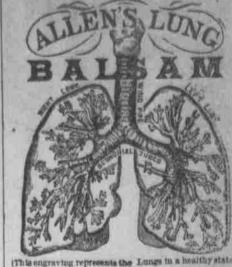
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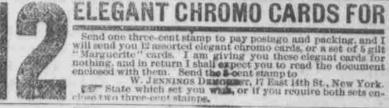
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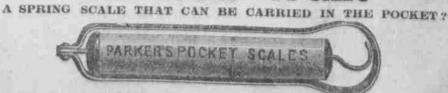
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